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INTRODUCTION

This booklet is a translation of two Urdu lectures entitled, (اصلی پیری مریدی کیا ہے؟) which was delivered by **Hazrat-e-Aqdas Moulana Shah Hakeem Muhammad Akhtar Saheb** (دامت برکاتہم) in 1986 and 1998.

In it **Hazratwala** clarifies the misunderstandings and misconceptions surrounding **TASAWWUF**, commonly known in the Indo/Pak subcontinent as **Peeri-Mureedi**. He vividly exposes the innovations of fake **"Peers"** or **Shaikhs** and guides his readers to follow the pure and prestine path of **Shariah** and **Sunnah**. Many people due to incorrect motives and ignorance have taken **TASAWWUF/PEERI-MUREEDI** to be a combination of weird rituals and made-up innovations. Whereas the whole purpose of **TASAWWUF** is to gain the love of Allah Ta'ala through complete adherence to the teachings of **Shariah** and **Sunnah**. This love, however, must be attained from one who has tread this path and learned it from someone before him. Similarly that person must have attain knowledge from one who has qualified in that particular field under the supervision of qualified teachers. Take the example of medicine. Just as a self-taught doctor is not reliable in the medical field, similarly, the one who has not attained spirituality from a qualified and reliable **Shaikh** or **Peer** is not a genuine **Peer**, rather he is a fake **Peer**. The sign and distinguishing quality of a **TRUE Shaikh** or **Peer** is his complete adherence to the **Shariah** and **Sunnah**.

May Allah Ta'ala make this booklet a means of guidance for the entire **Ummah** and may He make it a means of eternal reward for our **Shaikh, Hazratwala** (دامت برکاتہم) and all those who made an effort in its publication. May He accept it out of His sheer mercy. **Aameen**





WHAT IS THE REALITY OF TASAWWUF?

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ وَكَفٰى وَسَلَامٌ عَلٰى عِبَادِهِ الَّذِيْنَ اصْطَفٰى اَمَّا بَعْدُ

فَاَعُوْذُ بِاللّٰهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطٰنِ الرَّجِيْمِ ○ بِسْمِ للّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيْمِ ○

وَاتَّبِعْ سَبِيْلَ مَنْ اَنَابَ اِلَيَّ

(Sura Luqmaan; Ayat No. 15, Juz No. 31)

RECOGNIZING THE AULIYA-ALLAH (FRIENDS OF ALLAH TA'ALA)

Allah Ta'ala grants His chosen servants such honor and dignity that even the hearts of the kings and emperors tremble in awe of them. But this greatness is only attained when Allah Ta'ala has entered the heart. It should not be like the example of a sign on the outside of a tent, upon which is written, "This is **Laila's tent.**" However, when one peaks inside, one realizes that instead of **Laila**, there is a dog tied up in that tent. This is exactly the example of a person who adopts the garb of the pious and in spite of this, he does not abstain from sins and evil deeds. He is wearing the title of a ***"Maula-Wala[1]"*** with a full ***shar'i*** beard and a round cap, but if one happens to peak into his heart then he will find it filled with the filth and defilement of ***ghairullah***[2].

If he has ***Maula*** in his heart then his face will interpret that which is within it. This is because the face is a reflection and an interpreter of what is in the heart. If there is the love of Allah Ta'ala in the heart then this love will become manifest on the face.

[1] *One who has attained a special connection with Allah Ta'ala.*

[2] *Anything which takes one away from the remembrance and obedience of Allah Ta'ala. In this case referring to all Haraam (unlawful) pleasures and desires.*

This is in fact, the explanation of a *Hadith Shareef* in which Rasulullah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) has said:

﴿ اِذَا رُأُوْا ذُكِرَ اللّٰهُ ﴾

"The friends of Allah are those who when they are seen, Allah is remembered."

(Majma'uz Zawaid; Vol. 10, Pg. 78, Bazzaar)

Thus, he who has attained Allah Ta'ala in his heart has in fact purified his heart from ***ghairullah***. On one occasion someone had come to Hazrat Uthman (رضی اللہ عنہ) after casting evil glances. Hazrat Uthman (رضی اللہ عنہ) said to him:

﴿ مَا بَالُ اَقْوَامٍ يَّتَرَشَّحُ مِنْ اَعْيُنِهِمُ الزِّنٰى ﴾

"What is the condition of such a people from whose eyes zina (fornication) is dripping!?"

(Tafseer Qurtubi; Vol. 10, Pg. 44)

The brilliant rays of Allah's love shine from the eyes of the friends of Allah, and the stench of dead corpses come from the lovers of ***ghairullah***.

THE EXAMPLE OF THE SHAIKH'S REVERENCE IN THE HEART OF A MUREED

There was a time when the mansions of high ranking ***Nawabs***[1] filled Marris Road of Aligarh, India. About 40 years ago, through the blessings of my Shaikh, I compiled some couplets in which these ***Nawabs*** are being addressed. At that time, as a simple and poor student of Deen, I went with my Shaikh, Hazrat Maulana Shah Abdul Ghani Saheb (رحمۃ اللہ علیہ) to visit ***Nawab*** Chatari. However, through the blessings of my Shaikh, I did not allow the greatness of those Naw***abs*** to enter my heart. My Shaikh used to say that the ***mureed*** who did not attain the love of Allah Ta'ala from his Shaikh, but rather enjoyed delicious foods and had a good time traveling around, became deprived of Allah Ta'ala.

[1] ***High ranking noblemen in India.***

Allah Ta'ala had given me the *taufiq* (guidance and ability) that I had made no attempts to win the favor of the Nawabs and the rich people with flattery. On the other hand, these days, the condition of the *mureed* is such that if a wealthy individual comes to visit the Shaikh, then the *mureed* does not even look at his Shaikh. If the *mureed* happens to be a principal of a *Deeni* institution, then he will follow this wealthy person around with his receipt book, ready for donations and will attempt to show him his institution.

Listen attentively to what I have to say! There is no benefit in running after the creation. Only crying before Allah and humbling oneself before the Creator will benefit us.

Nevertheless, through the blessings of my Shaikh, I addressed those Nawabs with the following couplets which I had composed:

بہت خوشنما ہیں یہ بنگلے تمہارے
یہ گملوں کے جھرمٹ یہ رنگیں نظارے

Very luxurious are these mansions of yours,
These multitude of expensive vases, these colorful sights.

ارے جی رہے ہو یہ کس کے سہارے
کہ مرنے سے ہو جائیں گے سب کنارے

Oh! by what support are you living your life?
That after death all those "supports" will step aside.

اگر قربِ جانِ بہاراں نہیں ہے
وہ ننگِ خزاں ہے گلستاں نہیں ہے

If you have not attained the closeness of the Lord of spring,
then you have attained dry autumn but not spring.

THE ADVICE OF SHAIKH ABDUL QADIR JILANI TO THE ULAMA

Shaikh Abdul Qadir Jilani (رحمۃ اللہ علیہ) addresses the **Ulama** saying, '**O Ulama** who are qualifying from ***Deeni*** institutions! Before you take the responsibility of preaching from the ***mimbar***, go and sit in the company of an ***Allah-Wala*** for 6 months to one year. Go and serve them with humility so that the **Maula** of the books you studied may become manifest in your heart. Then your heart will become the possessor of ***Noor*** (Divine Light) and thereafter you will be **a different person altogether.** You will spread the sweet fragrance of ***Dard-e-Dil***[1] wherever you go; whether it is by the riverside, in the jungles, or by the mountainsides, even in the condition where your clothes are tattered out of poverty. The people of wealth and luxury will salute you and search for you saying, 'where is the one who was dispensing the tonic of ***Dard-e-Dil***? Where has he set up his shop?' I have composed a couplet about this:

دامنِ فقر میں مرے پنہاں ہے تاجِ قیصری
ذرّۂ دردِ دل ترا دونوں جہاں سے کم نہیں

In the lap of my poverty, the crown of Caesar is hidden,
A small amount of Dard-e-Dil is no less than attaining both worlds.

THE EVERLASTING LAMP IS LIT BY THE TEMPORARY LAMP

Maulana Jalaluddeen Rumi (رحمۃ اللہ علیہ) says that the light of the 'lamp of life' is very weak and dim. Along with this, the "winds of death" are constantly blowing and could extinguish the 'lamp of life' at any time.

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[1] ***The pain and grief experienced in the heart due to intense love and longing for Allah Ta'ala.***

موت کی تندوتیز آندھی میں
زندگی کے چراغ جلتے ہیں

In the violent storm of death,
The lamp of life burns away.

Therefore, make an effort to attain the lamp of the love of Allah in your heart so that when the lamp of this temporary life is extinguished, the everlasting, emergency lights of Allah Ta'ala ignite from within. The example of this is like the electricity that went off a minute ago and the generator caused the lights to turn on.

باد تُند است و چراغِ ابترے
زو بگیرانم چراغِ دیگرے

The winds are strong and the lamp is weak,
Quickly we must find another lamp.

The lamp is weak and the winds are blowing furiously. O people of the world! Quickly make an effort in lighting another lamp. **Jalaludeen** is not a fool! Through the blessing of **Shaikh Shamsudeen Tabrezi,** I have lit the lamp of Allah's ***Nisbah***[1] by adopting the ***Sunnah*** and by abstaining from sins. **Maulana Rumi** (رحمۃ اللہ علیہ) says that when death approaches and the eyes close, the divine lamp of Allah's love is immediately set alight in the hearts of the ***Auliya***[2] just as the generator turned on, and the lights immediately came back. When the eyes close from this temporary life then all the buildings, bungalows, luxurious cars, business dealings and **beautiful women** will come to an end. We will all have to leave this world one day.

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[1] ***The strong connection with Allah Ta'ala which is attained through adopting the company of a friend of Allah Ta'ala and abstaining from all sins and punctuality in zikr.***

[2] ***Those pious, Allah-fearing individuals who have attained a special connection with Allah Ta'ala.***

While in *Hardoi,* India*,* I had composed a couplet regarding the instability of this temporary world. **Hazrat Mufti Mahmood Hasan Gangohi** and I were traveling on a *riksha* at that time. I told him*,* "**Hazrat***,* I have composed a couplet…" When **Mufti Saheb** heard the couplet he said*,* "Do present this couplet of yours to your **Shaikh, Maulana Shah Abrarul Haq Saheb** (دامت برکاتہم)." This couplet*,* which the Grand **Mufti** of India approved of*,* is as follows:

یہ چمن صحرا بھی ہوگا یہ خبر بلبل کو دو
تاکہ اپنی زندگی کو سوچ کر قرباں کرے

This garden will one day become a desert, tell this to the nightingale,
So that it may think before sacrificing its life.

To serve the **Auliya** and to adopt their company does not mean that you continue to have your eyes fixed on their wealthy **mureeds**. Therefore, I urge you to attain the love of Allah from the **Auliya**. I take an oath by Allah Ta'ala that the people of the world will rush to serve you. Do not become like the grape worm, which went to eat the grapes but was deceived by the green leaves of the grape. Thinking a leaf to be the grape*,* it spent its whole life on the leaf and died on that very leaf and was deprived of the actual enjoyment of the grape. Similarly, many **mureeds** come to attain the love of Allah Ta'ala but become lost in the glamour and glitter of the world*.* In this way they leave the world deprived of Allah's love. May Allah Ta'ala save us all. **Ameen**.

WHO IS THE TRUE MUREED AND WHO IS THE TRUE SHAIKH?

Just this morning, Allah Ta'ala inspired my heart with an incredible topic that, 'who is the true *mureed*?' The true *mureed* is the one whose *muraad* (aim and objective) is Allah Ta'ala.

Now, who is the true **Shaikh**? The true **Shaikh** is the one who guides his ***mureed*** to his desired objective. He supplicates to Allah Ta'ala and cries from the depths of his heart on his behalf. ***This is true*** **TASAWWUF.** Therefore, the true ***mureed*** is the one whose ***muraad*** (objective) is the Being of Allah Ta'ala.

This verse of the **Qur'aan Shareef:** يُرِيْدُوْنَ وَجْهَهٗ (***They desire Him***) declares that the real objective of the true lovers of Allah Ta'ala is the Being of Allah Ta'ala. Thus, every ***mureed*** should take stock of himself in the light of this verse whether he is a true ***mureed*** or not? If our ***muraad*** is truly the Being of Allah Ta'ala then we will never look at ***ghairullah***. As for that ***mureed*** who casts evil glances, and looks at ***ghairullah,*** then know that his intention is still deficient and he is still not fully matured. The **kabab** of his ***Nisbah*** is still raw. Whomsoever eats raw **kabab** will be tasteless and others who associate with him will also remain without taste.

It is not possible that a true ***Allah-Wala*** has the love of the world and ***ghairullah*** in his heart. The question now arises as to who is a true ***Allah-Wala***? The true ***Allah-Wala*** is the one who makes every possible effort to attain Allah Ta'ala and exerts himself in guiding his ***mureeds*** so that they may attain the same. He should not be treading the path alone because **the guide who treads the path alone and overlooks his *mureeds*** is not a complete guide.

On the other hand, a complete guide is the one who treads the path of Allah Ta'ala himself and is also considerate of those traveling with him. He continuously says to himself, 'let it not be that they have lost their way.' Thus, the true guide is the one who travels while keeping his companions also in mind.

So have you now understood what true ***peeri-mureedi*** is? That ***peeri-mureedi*** relationship which has become so commonly misunderstood is due to fake ***peers*** who, for the sake of mere worldly gain, teach a few ***wazifas*** to their ***mureeds*** but do not

teach them how to live a life of piety. The *mureeds* of such *peers* always remain like raw **kababs** their whole life. On the other hand, there are other *peers* who are genuine *Auliya*. They continue to guide their *mureeds* on to the path of Allah with sincerity and heart-felt pain. However, it may also be that some of their *mureeds* do not pay heed to the advice of their **Shaikh.** Thus they remain raw and deficient their entire life as well.

This is their condition because he who flees from undergoing hardships and does **not tolerate the pain of safeguarding his eyes and abstaining from sins**, and he who does not undergo the grief of fighting his unlawful desires, then he is, in fact, prepared to bear the grief of separation from Allah Ta'ala. Such a person will always remain raw and deficient. Neither will he attain the enjoyment of life nor will anyone else become intoxicated by his fragrance.

Understand this properly! He who does not bear the pain of the path of Allah Ta'ala, will never attain Allah Ta'ala! In order for us to be able to tolerate such pain, Allah Ta'ala has revealed ***La Ilaaha*** لَا اِلٰهَ before ***Illallah*** اِلَّا اللهُ . In this way He is indicating that we must bear the grief of abstaining from ***ghairullah;*** only then will we attain nothing except Allah. Concerning this I have composed a couplet:

لا اللہ ہے مقدم کلمۂ توحید میں

غیرِ حق جب جائے ہے تب دل میں حق آ جائے ہے

La Ilaaha comes first in the Kalimah of Unity,
When all besides HAQ vanishes, then only does HAQ come.

Ghairullah will destroy you, and you will attain nothing from them. What will these temporary beauties give you? When they do not posses any power over their own safety and well being then how can they guarantee safety and well-being for you? Leaving Allah for ***ghairullah*** is the height of foolishness.

For how long will you continue with such nonsense? After all, there must be a limit. When beauty fades away, then you choose to flee from it but for how long will you continue to flee in this manner? Why did you not flee from that which you were commanded to flee at the very moment that you were commanded to do so? This is the meaning of **'Fa Firru Ilallah...'** **فَفِرُّوْا اِلَی اللہ**. It is to flee from ***ghairullah,*** including all acts of disobedience, towards Allah.

PROOF FOR THE NEED OF THE SUHBAT[1] OF AHLULLAH

Commenting on the ayat: **'wasbir nafsak'** **وَاصْبِرْ نَفْسَكَ** 'Make your **nafs** tolerate patience', my **Shaikh Shah Abdul Ghani** (رحمۃ اللہ علیہ) used to say, 'If **Suhbat** was not necessary then Rasulullah (صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم) would have been commanded to help the **Sahabah** reach Allah Ta'ala through his heart felt supplications in solitude. However, this was not the case. Instead, Allah Ta'ala revealed, **'wasbir nafsak'** **وَاصْبِرْ نَفْسَكَ**. In other words, O Our Beloved Nabi (صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم)! Make your **nafs** tolerate the hardship of leaving your home. Leave the comfort of your home and sit in the company of the **Sahabah**. Have patience and tolerate this hardship, because we are not commanding you to sit in the company of just anybody.

﴿ وَاصْبِرْ نَفْسَكَ مَعَ الَّذِيْنَ يَدْعُوْنَ رَبَّهُمْ ﴾

(Sura Kahf; Ayat No. 28, Juz No. 15)

Rather, we are commanding you to sit in the company of our lovers, who are busy in Our remembrance day and night. You are Our lover and so too are the **Sahabah**. I am sending one lover of Mine to work on the spiritual reformation and upliftment of My other lovers.

My Shaikh, Hazrat Shah Abdul Ghani Phoolpoori (رحمۃ اللہ علیہ) would say that **Suhbat** is such an important aspect that the Nabi of

[1] ***To adopt the company of the pious for spiritual reformation.***

Allah (ﷺ) is being commanded to have patience and bear the difficulty upon his **nafs**. 'No doubt, you are enjoying the remembrance of My name in solitude, but if you remain in that condition, then how will the **Sahabah** benefit from you? Therefore, you must come out of your home and sit amongst those who are remembering Us in your **Masjid** and make them **Saheb-e-Nisbah** through the method of prophethood which we have granted you. It is through them that Islam will continue to spread throughout the world.'

So my **Shaikh** used to say that if **Suhbat** was not necessary then why would Allah have made his Beloved Nabi (ﷺ) undergo the hardship of making himself accompany them patiently? Can one find comfort in applying such patience? The implementation of patience is difficult but Allah Ta'ala had made this patience sweet for Rasulullah (ﷺ) because he was not sending him in the company of strangers but rather His lovers.

مِری زندگی کا حاصل مِری زیست کا سہارا

ترے عاشقوں میں جینا ترے عاشقوں میں مرنا

The purpose of my existence, The support of my life,
Is to live amongst Your lovers and die amongst Your lovers.

THE STATUS OF ALLAH'S LOVERS

Allah Ta'ala is saying, 'O My Nabi! I am not commanding you to sit with ***Aghyaar*** (strangers), rather they are your ***Yaar*** (friends) and My ***Yaar***. To sit with ***Aghyaar*** is no doubt discomforting and difficult, but to sit amongst ***Yaar*** is enjoyable. Go to them and you will enjoy sitting amongst My lovers.' I have expressed this in a couplet:

نشہ بڑھتا ہے شرابیں جو شرابوں میں ملیں

مئے مرشد کو مئے حق میں ملا لینے دو

The intoxication of wine is increased when wines are mixed,
Let the wine of the Murshid[1] mix with the wine of HAQ.

'O My Beloved Nabi (صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم), the love that you have for Me is unparalleled, but the **Sahabah** also have love for Me.' Thus, when the intoxicating wine of both love is combined (love of the **Sahabah** and love of Rasulullah (صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم), then see what intensity is experienced.

ترے جلووں کے آگے ہمتِ شرح و بیاں رکھ دی
زبانِ بے نگہ رکھ دی، نگاہِ بے زباں رکھ دی

Allah Ta'ala says regarding the **Sahabah**, **'Yad'una Rabbahum'** **يَدْعُوْنَ رَبَّهُمْ** that morning and evening your **Sahabah** are remembering Me. When you sit amongst those who are remembering Me, then through the blessings of this patience, there will be more progress and upliftment in your lofty status and rank. This is because he who is a ***Murabbi***[2], his status is continuously increasing and advancing. If any ***Murabbi*** is left to himself in solitude by the mountainside, then there will be a halt in his advancement and progress. Therefore, Allah Ta'ala has bestowed upon his Beloved Nabi (صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم) both pathways for the increase of his status. To remember Allah Ta'ala in solitude and to spread the love of Allah Ta'ala among His creation. In other words Allah Ta'ala is saying to His Beloved Nabi (صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم) 'All those people who became **Sahabah** through the blessings of your ***Suhbat*** and those who became **Tabe'een** through the **Sahabah** and those who became **Tabe'Tabe'een** through the **Tabe'een**, then until the Day of Judgment, however much **Deen** is spread throughout the world, the perpetual reward of it all will return to your beloved soul.'

My **Shaikh, Hazrat Shah Abdul Ghani Saheb** (رحمۃ اللہ علیہ) would explain that when this verse was revealed:

﴿ وَاصْبِرْ نَفْسَكَ مَعَ الَّذِيْنَ يَدْعُوْنَ رَبَّهُمْ ﴾

(Sura Kahf; Ayat No. 28, Juz No. 15)

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[1] ***Spiritual guide and mentor.*** [2] ***Spiritual guide and mentor.***

Nabi (ﷺ) was in one of his homes:

﴿ كَانَ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فِيْ بَيْتٍ مِنْ اَبْيَاتِهِ ﴾

(Majma'uz Zawaid; Vol. 7, Pg. 89, Tabarani)

Immediately upon receiving revelation, Nabi (ﷺ) left his home in search of those who were remembering Allah Ta'ala and in whose company he had been commanded to sit. From this it is known that the ***Zaakir***[1] who is remembering **Allah with** intense restlessness and tear-filled eyes is at times visited by the **Shaikh**. In this way, sometimes, Allah Ta'ala sends the guide to the seekers.

THE INCIDENT OF HAFIZ SHERAZI (رحمۃ اللہ علیہ)

My **Shaikh, Hazrat Shah Abdul Ghani Saheb** (رحمۃ اللہ علیہ) used to tell me the incident of a ***Buzurg***[2] who used to cry in the remembrance of Allah Ta'ala in the seclusion of the jungle. He would cry saying, 'O Allah! How will I find You? Where should I search for You?'

اپنے ملنے کا پتہ کوئی نشاں
تو بتا دے مجھ کو اے ربِّ جہاں

Tell me this, O Sustainer of the world!
Give me an indication of where I could meet You.

Who was this ***Buzurg***? He was **Hafiz Sherazi** (رحمۃ اللہ علیہ). **Hafiz Sherazi** had six brothers. **Sultan Najmuddin Kubra** (رحمۃ اللہ علیہ) was inspired by Allah Ta'ala, 'go and make the ***tarbiyat***[3] of one of My servants who is the son of so and so and who cries in My remembrance.' He was also shown the face of **Hafiz Sherazi** (رحمۃ اللہ علیہ) in a dream. Ah! How this restless heart and these tear-filled eyes call the **Shaikh** to them.

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[1] ***One who is occupied with the remembrance of Allah Ta'ala.***
[2] ***A pious servant of Allah Ta'ala who has reached a high stage of Wilaayat.***
[3] ***Spiritual guidance and training.***

آہِ من گر اثرے داشتے
یارِ من بکویم گذرے داشتے

If my sigh of 'Ah!' had any effect,
Then my beloved will definitely come my way.

My **Shaikh, Hazrat Shah Abdul Ghani Saheb** (رحمۃ اللہ علیہ) used to ask why the word ***'Kubra'*** is attached to **Hazrat Najmuddin Kubra's** name. The reason he would ask this is because the word **Najmuddin** is masculine and the word ***Kubra*** is feminine. So how can a masculine noun have a feminine adjective? This is not grammatically correct (according to the Arabic language). So my **Shaikh** would answer that ***'kubra'*** is not the adjective for **Najmuddin** because here, the noun is hidden. The full name is **Shah Najmuddin Sultan *Sahibu Munazira-e-Kubra***. Therefore, ***'kubra'*** is the adjective for ***Munazira***, which is the noun, and both of these are feminine.

Sultan Najmuddin Kubra went to **Hafiz Sherazi's** father and asked him how many sons he has. His father replied that he has seven sons. **Sultan Najmuddin** then told him to call all of his sons but only six of his sons came forward (all being business and worldly-minded). **Sultan Najmuddin** did not see the one he was shown in the dream. He then asked the father if he had another son. He replied, 'yes, but I consider him unworthy of being my son. All my other sons are business-minded and working, whereas he just wanders in the jungle crying like a mad man.'

Hazrat Shaikh Najmuddin Kubra replied, 'That madman is exactly the one I am in search of. The Sustainer of your son, your Sustainer and my Sustainer has sent me specifically to this son of yours. He has commanded me to make his ***tarbiyat*** and guide him to Allah.' **Sultan Najmuddin Kubra** then proceeded to the jungle and saw **Hafiz Shirazi** there. Meanwhile, **Hafiz Shirazi** was also informed about his **Shaikh** by means of inspiration.

KASHF (DIVINE INSPIRATION) IS NOT WITHIN THE CONTROL OF MAN

Kashf is not within the control of man, it is not a voluntary action, rather it is completely under the control and order of Allah Ta'ala. The example of it is similar to when Allah Ta'ala sent the fragrance of **Hazrat Yusuf's** (عليه السلام) *qamees* (shirt) from Egypt to his father **Hazrat Ya'qub** (عليه السلام) in Canaan. However, when it was not the will of Allah Ta'ala, then even when **Hazrat Yusuf** (عليه السلام) was cast into the well of Canaan by his brothers, **Hazrat Ya'qub** (عليه السلام) was unaware of it. If *kashf* was within the control of **Hazrat Ya'qub** (عليه السلام) then why did he not know that his son was cast into the well, whereas he was able to smell the fragrance of **Hazrat Yusuf** (عليه السلام) all the way from Egypt? Thus, we come to know that *kashf* is only within the control of Allah Ta'ala. ***We should correct our belief regarding this matter.***

THE REALITY OF A FAKE PEER'S KASHF EXPOSED

Those people who claim that the peer knows everything are holding firm to an ignorant and nonsensical belief. In our province of *Partabgarh* in India, a fake peer who was a deceitful fraud once visited us. He used to claim that he could tell the people about whatever was in their stomachs. He had some *jinns* under his control, and the *jinns* would inform him as to what the people had eaten. In this manner, many ignorant people began to believe in him and start to visit him. He would neither offer *Salah* nor keep fasts, nor encourage others to do so.

There was one **buzurg, Baba Najmul Hasan** who was a **Majaz-e-Suhbat**[1] of **Maulana Thanwi**. He personally told me that he sent a person to this fake peer. He said, 'I told him to say to the peer in front of all of his *mureeds*, 'I have heard that you are able to inform people what they have eaten. I want to put you to the test. Tell me the exact time that you will excrete that stool that is in

[1] **Majaz-e-Suhbat:** ***The one who is granted the permission by a Shaikh to conduct gatherings pertaining to spiritual reformation.***



your stomach! In other words, when is the exact second that you will defecate? I will spend the night here and in the morning I will check the time as to whether or not it conforms to that which you have claimed!'

The fake peer thought to himself, 'If I tell these people the exact time and I do not defecate accordingly then I will be disgraced. If on the other hand I take a laxative then I will end up going before mentioned time.' He then said, 'You are a **wahabi**! Leave from here!' So when his disciples saw that he was unable to give a reasonable answer they all fled from there. In this way, ***Partabgarh*** was saved from the mischief of this fake peer.

THE OUTCOME OF THE PEER WHO CLAIMED TO PERFORM SALAH IN THE KA'BAH

There was a peer who would go around deceiving people by making them believe that he performs ***Salah*** in the **Ka'bah** and not in the village **Masjid**. The reality of the matter was that he would not perform ***Salah*** at all. One **Maulana Saheb** told the village people, "Listen, why don't you people stop feeding him food from the village? Tell him to eat dates and ***Zam-Zam*** water of the **Ka'bah Shareef**. If he really performs his ***Salah*** in the **Ka'bah**, then why does he leave the blessed food of the ***Haram*** for the un-blessed food of India?"

This advice of **Maulana Saheb** was understood by the disciples so they all got together and said to the peer, "We are not going to feed you food from India any more. Since you perform *salah* in **Ka'bah Shareef** then you should also eat dates and drink the ***Zam-Zam*** from there, and bring us some also." When this fake peer didn't receive any food for 3 days, then on the 4th day, he came out and said, "Brothers! From now on, I will perform ***Salah*** in your **Masjid**." But the village people refused saying, "Now, we are not going to serve you any food because you will be performing ***Salah*** for food, not for Allah." Then the villagers chased him out from the village.

THE ONE-EYED MAN'S CLAIM OF BEING GOD

There was a one-eyed person in **Panjab** who used to claim that he is God. Nineteen people had brought faith upon this imposter. One of his disciples asked him, "My Lord, if you are God, then why do you only have one eye? Why do you not fix the other eye?" The imposter replied,"The Muslims believe in يُؤْمِنُوْنَ بِالْغَيْب (belief in the unseen). I, on the other hand, announce the belief of يُؤْمِنُوْنَ بِالْعَيْب (Belief in the 'deficiency') You must believe in this deficiency of mine, i.e. the fact that I am one-eyed. Believe in me in spite of my deficiency." ***May Allah Ta'ala save us all from such deviation***.

AN ALIM'S REBUTTAL OF ONE WHO CLAIMED TO BE GOD

My ***Murshid,*** **Hazrat Shah Abdul Ghani Saheb** (رحمۃ اللہ علیہ) mentioned that in one village there was an imposter who used to tell people that he is God. Many people had brought faith upon him. One **Alim** told his wife to gather some 3 to 4 day-old food that had gone bad and bring it to him. He then put that food in a container and took it to the imposter. He presented the container to him saying, 'I have brought this food for you.' When the imposter opened the container, his head spun due to the horrible smell of the rotten food. He then said to that **Maulana Saheb**, "You have committed blasphemy to your lord by bringing this rotten food!" **Maulana Saheb** replied, "You have supposedly made the claim of god-hood and God is the giver of sustenance. Thus, whatever sustenance you have granted me, I have but presented that before you."

INCIDENT OF THE DECEPTION OF A FAKE PEER

There was one **peer** in a village who would never lead the *Salah*. One day the people put him forward to lead the *Salah*. Due to the fact that he was completely ignorant (not even knowing how to lead *Salah*) he thought he should deceive the people in order to

save himself. When he went to lead the *Salah* he started saying, **"Dhut! Dhut! Dhut!"** The people asked him after he said **Salaam** about what on earth he was saying. He replied, "There was a dog trying to enter the **Ka'bah** at that moment so I hushed it away so that it would not enter." There was a clever person amongst them who made a plan of inviting him and all his disciples over for food in order to expose this imposter's tricks. After inviting them, he brought the **peer** a plate of rice with meat hidden under the rice. When the **peer** saw this plate of rice, without meat, he angrily said with red eyes bulging out, "You seem to be a ***wahabi*** to me! The **peer** is supposed to be hosted with meat, all I see is nothing but rice!" The clever host then stood up saying, "Brothers! Your **peer** claims that he even sees the dog at the **Ka'bah** when in actuality he can't even see the meat hidden one inch under the rice before him!" He then removed the rice to show the pieces of meat hidden below, and all the disciples repented from their foolishness and chased the fake **peer** out of the village.

THE TRUE MUREED IS THE ONE WHOSE MURAAD IS ALLAH

So as I was saying, when the verse:

﴿ وَاصْبِرْ نَفْسَكَ مَعَ الَّذِيْنَ يَدْعُوْنَ رَبَّهُمْ ﴾

was revealed, Nabi (ﷺ) proceeded to **Masjid Nabaawi.** He observed those who were sitting there and saw three groups of people.

- **FIRSTLY:** ﴿ ذَالثَّوْبِ الْوَاحِدِ ﴾

  Those who only possessed one article of clothing.

- **SECONDLY:** ﴿ اَشعَثُ الرَّأْس ﴾

  Those who had dishevelled hair.

- **THIRDLY:** ﴿ جَافُّ الْجِلْدِ ﴾

  Those who were dry and rough skinned.

(Majma'uz Zawaid; Vol. 7, Pg. 89, Tabarani)

Nabi (ﷺ) asked them as to what they were occupied with. They replied that they were busy in the remembrance of Allah Ta'ala. Nabi (ﷺ) then asked them for what purpose they were doing so. They replied that they were doing so for the pleasure of Allah Ta'ala and they are *mureeds* of Allah and their hearts *muraad* (objective) is Allah.

Now we know who the true *mureed* really is: the one whose *muraad* is only Allah. As long as your eyes are on *ghairullah* then you are a fake *mureed.* You are not ripe. You are still like raw Kabab. Neither have you attained the ecstasy of Allah's love nor will you be able to give ecstasy of that love to anyone else. When you become intoxicated in the love of Allah and your heart becomes like a roasted Kabab (by burning your evil desires from your heart) then Allah will spread the fragrance of that burning heart throughout the world. Wherever you go, people will perceive the love of Allah within you.

Therefore, only make Allah your *muraad,* and in doing so, abstaining from sins is also necessary. When you become the *mureed* of Allah, then Allah becomes your *muraad,* then how can you look at *ghairullah*? So in this verse there are two lessons for the *salikeen* and *mureedeen*. The first lesson is to remember Allah and the second lesson is to abstain from *ghairullah,* sins and the disobedience of Allah. One is to please Allah and the other is to abstain from Allah's displeasure.

خوشی پر ان کی جینا اور مرنا ہی محبت ہے
نہ کچھ پروائے بدنامی، نہ کچھ پروائے عالم ہے

To live and die for His pleasure is true love,
Neither to fear any blame nor to fear the world.

Now tell me, does love not have two rights which must be fulfilled? One is to please the beloved and the other is not to displease Him. He who makes an effort in pleasing Allah Ta'ala

but does not give any importance to abstaining from Allah's displeasure, his love is deficient. From this verse of the **Qur'aan Shareef** it is established that the true lover of Allah, the true ***Saalik*** is the one who performs such deeds which please Allah Ta'ala and strictly abstains from those actions which displease Him, i.e. sins. He sacrifices his life in order to abstain from sins and casting evil glances.*

نہ دیکھیں گے نہ دیکھیں گے، انہیں ہرگز نہ دیکھیں گے
کہ جن کو دیکھنے سے رب مرا ناراض ہوتا ہے

We will not look! We will not look! Never will we look!
Upon whom looking at displeases our Lord!

If you get enjoyment in committing sin then recite another one of my couplets;

ہم ایسی لذتوں کو قابلِ لعنت سمجھتے ہیں
کہ جن سے رب مِرا اے دوستو ناراض ہوتا ہے

We consider such pleasures worthy of being cursed,
By which, O friends! My Lord becomes displeased.

Therefore, make a serious effort and ***Insha-Allah,*** even the traces of the sin will be wiped out. Through the remembrance of Allah, the rose of the garden of love will start to bloom within your heart.

Akhtar takes an oath on Allah that when the special closeness of Allah Ta'ala is attained then this entire world will become insignificant in your eyes! You will forget the stinking private parts that you were destroying your life for. Even if the desire of such obscenity comes about, then you will abhor it. Even if you try to forget Allah and commit sin, you will be overpowered with the remembrance of Allah Ta'ala and will not be able to sin.

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* ***To look at the opposite sex with or without lustful desires or to look at the same sex or handsome young lads with lust.***

بُھلاتا ہوں پھر بھی وہ یاد آرہے ہیں

Though I endeavor to forget, All the while
He is in my remembrance...

But only when the enjoyment of the pure and complete ***Qurb****
of Allah Ta'ala is attained will sins be abandoned because sins are not left so easily.

نعم البدل کو دیکھ کے توبہ کرے ہے میر

Meer will repent when seeing a better substitute.

So **Hazrat Najmuddin Kubra** (رحمۃ اللہ علیہ) went to the jungle, **Hafiz Sherazi's** eyes met with his **Shaikh's** eyes and said,

آناں کہ خاک را بنظر کیمیا کنند
آیا بود کہ گوشۂ چشمے بما کنند

Your eyes are the alchemy of transforming
earth into gold,
Cast upon me such a glance, transforming
my baseness into gold.

O my **Shaikh**! You are of such a lofty status of ***wilayat*** that if you were to touch dust it would transform into gold. But it should well be understood that to become gold one has to be placed over fire and undergo struggles and hardships. Such lofty status is only attained after tolerating grief in Allah Ta'ala's path and sacrificing one's unlawful desires. Many strong and healthy-bodied people shiver at the thought of sacrificing their unlawful desires. Yet there are frail and weak-bodied people who by the grace of Allah Ta'ala, will sacrifice their unlawful desires for Him and undergo the pain and grief of abandoning unlawful enjoyments.

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* ***A closeness to Allah Ta'ala, after which one is granted the bounty of steadfastness on Deen.***

Some strong and healthy people who can easily take down other strongmen become the epitome of رَوَغَانَ الثَعَالِبِ fox-like cowardice, and become weaklings. I plead to you in the name of Allah Ta'ala, do not become cowards! Attack and fight the evil desires of the **nafs** like a lion! So **Hafiz Sherazi** said to his **Shaikh**,

آناں کہ خاک را بنظر کیمیا کنند
آیا بود کہ گوشۂ چشمے بما کنند

Your eyes are the alchemy of transforming earth into gold,
Cast upon me such a glance, transforming my baseness into gold.

O my beloved **Shaikh**! That glance of yours which transforms worthless dust into valuable gold, is it possible that you may cast that glance at me also? So **Hazrat Najmuddin Kubra** (رحمۃ اللہ علیہ) said:

نظر کردم نظر کردم نظر کردم

'I have cast a glance! I have cast a glance! I have cast a glance!'

Although we have cast a glance, however, a mere glance is not sufficient. After a considerable amount of time under the spiritual supervision of the **Shaikh** will something be attained. Thus, **Hafiz Sherazi** annihilated his **nafs** and made himself dust at the threshold of his **Shaikh, Hazrat Najmuddin Kubra** (رحمۃ اللہ علیہ). Only then Allah Ta'ala granted him His special ***nisbat*** (connection with Allah Ta'ala).

If a ***mureed*** is sincere in his search for Allah Ta'ala and has a true thirst, then the hearts of the ***Allah-Walas*** (pious servants of Allah Ta'ala) will, by themselves have an inclination towards such an individual. The **Shaikh** will cry and wet the ground of prostration with his tears for such a sincere ***mureed***.

اگر ہیں آپ صادق اپنے اقرارِ محبت میں
طلب خود کر لئے جائیں گے دربارِ محبت میں

If you are truly sincere in the claim of love,
Then you will be invited to the court of love.

Also, that peer who is an ***Allah-Wala*** will not teach you to become involved in worldly pursuits or to deceive people. This is because he will not be a worldly person himself. Therefore, he will prepare others for the hereafter and give the same advice that **Hazrat Sufyan Thauri** (رحمۃ اللہ علیہ) had given.

THE ADVICE OF HAZRAT SUFYAN THAURI

Hazrat Sufyan Thauri (رحمۃ اللہ علیہ) was asked by someone to give him advice, but to be very brief and concise. So he advised him saying,

﴿اِعْمَلْ لِلدُّنْيَا بِقَدْرِ مَقَامِكَ فِيْهَا وَاعْمَلْ لِلْآخِرَةِ بِقَدْرِ مَقَامِكَ فِيْهَا﴾

"Make an effort for the world to the extent of your stay here. And make an effort for the hereafter to the extent of your stay there."

Everyone knows that after leaving this world there is no return, and the life of the hereafter is everlasting. Therefore, one should make a great effort for that which is everlasting. The stay in this world is temporary. Thus, to make too much effort for it is foolishness. What a complete and comprehensive advice this is! Remember it and let it become imprinted in your heart.

AN EFFECTIVE REMEDY FOR GHAFLAH*

If still the **nafs** is not rectified and is lazy in performance of ***Salah*** and fasting, then one should meditate upon death. One should meditate upon the fact that one **day he will be laying in** the grave. What answer will one give to Allah Ta'ala at that time?

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* ***Being unmindful and heedless of Allah Ta'ala.***

The person whose heart has become hard and has become habituated to committing sins should meditate upon death for 4 to 5 minutes daily. He should meditate:

"I have just died and after washing and shrouding my life-less body, the people are taking me to the graveyard and burying my lifeless corpse in the grave alone. My wife, children, business and home all have left me, and now, none of these things are of any benefit to me. Only my actions have remained."

Death is a reality, it is definite, and how can there be any doubt about a thing which is definitely going to occur? Death is such a reality that even the **kuffar** (disbelievers) do not deny. Has any **kafir** (disbeliever) said that death will not come?

Therefore, ponder over the reason for us not performing ***Salah***, and not paying the ***Zakah***. What is the reason for us watching T.V. and V.C.R? What is the reason that we are involved in these evil actions? The reason is to pass time and entertain ourselves.

But ponder over the fact that when we are lowered into the grave, what will enter the grave with us? What will we entertain ourselves with then? How many T.V.'s and V.C.R.'s will we take with us? There will be no V.C.R in the grave, rather there will be punishment. Therefore, wake up from this heedlessness and do not entertain yourself with the disobedience of Allah Ta'ala. ***That slave who pleases his heart at the cost of displeasing his Master is in total loss.***

Just the following statement is sufficient for the guidance of someone, 'The slave who pleases his own heart (by living a life of disobedience) at the cost of displeasing his Master, is in total loss.' i.e. at any time the punishment of Allah Ta'ala could descend upon him. Allah Ta'ala is giving us chance after chance in hope that we will rectify ourselves. Nabi (صلى الله عليه وسلم) says,

﴿ كَفٰى بِالْمَوْتِ وَاعِظاً ﴾

"Remembrance of death is a sufficient lecturer and preacher."

It is sufficient for guidance. It recharges one's spiritual battery. One should also sit in pious company. Wherever there is any beneficial *Deeni* talk, then go there. Look! How far our pious predecessors used to travel to learn *Deen*!

A SMALL EXAMPLE OF THE EFFORT SAHABA MADE FOR DEEN

One person travelled from the land of **Sham** (Syria) to **Madina Munawarrah** in the time of **Hazrat Umar** (رضی اللہ عنہ) and said to him, **"O Ameerul Mumineen**! Please teach me the ***'attahiyyaat'*** **dua** which was taught to you by Nabi (صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم). **Hazrat Umar** asked him, "For what purpose have you come to **Madina**?" The man replied, "I have undertaken this journey only to ask this question."

Hazrat Umar (رضی اللہ عنہ) said: "You mean that you have no other purpose for coming here other than to learn this **dua**?" He replied that he had no other motive and said, "Due to the fact that you are the companion of Nabi (صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم), I thought that since you have learnt the **dua** directly from Nabi (صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم) himself, I should learn the very same **dua** from you." Again **Hazrat Umar** asked: "Is this the only reason for your coming?" He replied, "Yes, this is my only purpose." Thereafter, **Ameerul Mumineen Sayyiduna Umar** (رضی اللہ عنہ) gathered all the people of **Madina** and said, "If anyone wants to see a **JANNATI** (a man of Paradise) then let him look at this man."

THE TIME TO PREPARE FOR DEATH

What has our condition become nowadays that we are totally engrossed in nothing but eating, drinking and going to the toilet? We eat in the evening and defecate it in the morning. Consume, earn and sleep. Wake up in the morning,

work till night, wake up in the morning again, and go on with the same routine. Like this, our whole lives have passed!

Suddenly a day will come when the Angel of Death, **Hazrat Izra'il** (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام) will remove our souls and this life will come to an end. What benefit will it be to regret at that time? Neither will we be able to perform a single ***Salah*** in the grave nor will we be able to fast. In order to benefit ourselves beneath the earth, we need to perform good deeds above the earth. Since after going to our graves we will not be able to perform good deeds. Therefore, make an effort to attain ***Deen*** in your lives now. It should not be such that you say, 'no one had told us.'

This ***Deen*** was revealed over a period of 23 years. Therefore, I cannot teach you the whole ***Deen*** in 10 minutes. What I can do is guide you towards learning ***Deen*** and having some concern about the hereafter.

THE METHOD OF ATTAINING COMFORT IN BOTH WORLDS

There is such a connection between the ***dunya*** (worldly life) and ***akhirat*** (Hereafter) that anyone who ruins his ***akhirat***, has actually simultaneously ruined his ***dunya***. He who displeases his Master, neither does he have peace at home in his native land nor does he have peace away from home.

The example of this is like a disobedient son. The father has no concern to look after his needs at home nor when he is away from home. But if he pleases his father, then the father gives him plenty of spending money and provisions so that his son may be at ease while away from home while at home he has even more concern for him to be comfortable and live at ease.

Similarly, he who pleases his Allah, then Allah Ta'ala gives him comfort and ease in this world (away from home) and in the ***akhirat*** also, which is already the abode of peace and comfort. This is the mere example of the love of a father, who is **Makhlooq**

(creation). What then can be said about the love of the ***Khaaliq,*** Who is our Creator? We can never fathom the greatness of this. Therefore, understand that the slave who pleases his Master in this very world, is a very blessed individual. He attains a good life in this world as well as comfort in the hereafter. For this reason we must abandon being slaves to the **nafs**.

This **nafs** is our enemy, do not be enslaved by your enemy. If you obey your enemy you will regret it. However much sweets and candies the **nafs** shows you, then know that there is definitely some ***jamalgota***[1] also mixed with it. It will give you temporary enjoyment and then leave you in such a 'burst' of discomfort that no sweetness will remain.

In ***Ilaahabad,*** there was a doctor who told us his incident when he was in medical college. Some students had broken the lock on his cupboard and stole the food he had kept inside for breakfast. It was special food cooked in ***dhesi ghee***[2] which his mother had prepared for him. He thought to himself that it was the mischief of the college students and this is the manner in which most college students behave. It is very rare that you will find a pious college student. That is because most of them are ***khalifas*** (deputies) of **shaytaan**. To some he gives ordinary ***khilafat*** (deputation) while others receive special ***khilafat***.

Anyhow, that doctor decided to get even with them so one day he bought some ***gulabjaman***[3] and laced each piece with a couple droplets of ***jamalgota***. He then placed the ***gulabjaman*** in the cupboard and placed a small, weak pad-lock on it. Since the students were in the habit of stealing, they arrived on the scene and broke the lock and mischievously ate up all the ***gulabjaman***. After an hour or so, they were overtaken by severe diarrhea. They would enter the toilet to relieve themselves and before they could come out, they would have to rush back

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[1] ***An extra-strength laxative which makes a person "get the runs" in a matter of minutes.***

[2] ***Pure homemade butter.***

[3] ***A special type of sweet meat.***

again. It was such severe diarrhea that the principal had to immediately contact the health authorities to inform them that an epidemic had spread. It seemed as if students were going to die in the process. Little did the principal know that this was the suitable reward for their conniving action. The health officers came and quickly treated them with cholera injections, not knowing that they were all thieves. So anyway, after that, they all became well.

Similarly, to dream of peace and tranquillity in the disobedience of Allah is total foolishness. The one who dreams of attaining tranquillity in the disobedience of Allah Ta'ala- there is no person more insane than him in the world. The past, the present and future of sin is nothing but restlessness. Those who are habituated to sinning, even when they are in the midst of sinning they are in constant fear of being seen. When their nafs plans to sin, even at that moment, they are inflamed in the fire of restlessness.

This flame of restlessness can be felt from the heat emanating from their foreheads. Their future also becomes ruined in fear of disgrace and in fear of revenge from those they have sinned against. So there are 3 time periods in a person's life; past, present and future. By committing sins, all three periods of a person's life is destroyed. It is as if he invites the wrath and anger of Allah Ta'ala in lieu of a few minutes of enjoyment, thereby destroying his entire life in the process.

One should also know that one is never satisfied through committing sin. Salty water does not quench the thirst, rather the more salt water is consumed, the more thirst is increased. In a like manner, committing sins only increases the desire to commit more sin. One sin will lead to committing another sin, as a result, to completely leave sinning becomes difficult, and he will eventually die in this pitiful condition of disobedience. What will his condition be at that time?

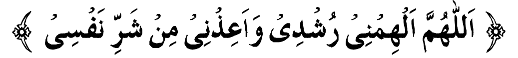
His *dunya* is also lost and he will have to suffer the consequences in the grave also. Therefore, if you want to attain the

life of *Jannah* in this very world, if you want to attain a blissful life, then please Allah Ta'ala. I pose this question to you; what does the *nafs* want to gain from committing sins? All it wants is enjoyment. That is why I say that enjoyment is only in pleasing Allah and in taking His name.

THE GREATEST ENEMY OF MAN

What bliss and enjoyment can the enemy give? The *nafs* is our enemy, may Allah Ta'ala save us from its mischief. Those things that the *nafs* adorns and beautifies to be blissful can never be such. *Nafs* is even a greater enemy than **shaytaan**. The reason for this is because there wasn't any **shaytaan** before **shaytaan**. We always say that **shaytaan** has led so and so astray, but the question arises: then who led **shaytaan** astray? **IT WAS THIS NAFS THAT LED SHAYTAAN ASTRAY.**

There was no **shaytaan** before **shaytaan**. His name used to be ***Azaazeel*** and he used to be in the company of the angels. However, he was overtaken with pride and vanity and his *nafs* deviated him into thinking he is better than **Hazrat Adam** (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام). *Nafs* is even a greater enemy than **shaytaan** because **shaytaan** was destroyed by nothing else but his *nafs*. Therefore, continuously seek refuge in Allah Ta'ala from this *nafs* by making this **dua**,



﴿ اَللّٰهُمَّ اَلْهِمْنِىْ رُشْدِىْ وَاَعِذْنِىْ مِنْ شَرِّ نَفْسِىْ ﴾

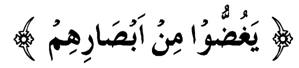
"O Allah! Inspire me with guidance and protect me from the mischief of my nafs."

(Tirmizi; Vol. 2, Pg. 186)

The *nafs* is such an archenemy that let alone sin, it takes a person to **kufr**. All those people heading towards *jahannum*, are headed there because of the *nafs*. The disbeliever, the fornicator, the drunkard, the one who gives and takes bribes, and the one who does not perform his *Salah*, all are heading towards *jahannum* because of obeying the dictates of their *nafs*. For example, the *nafs* whispers saying, 'where are you going out in this cold to perform *Salah*? Stay under your warm

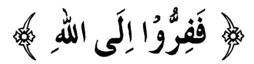
blanket!' In this way it paves the way for a person to be thrown into the heat of ***jahannum.*** Tell me, that warmth which displeases Allah Ta'ala and makes one leave ***Salah,*** is that warmth not an accursed comfort? Discard such warmth and comfort! Jump out from that blanket! Go to the house of Allah Ta'ala and perform ***Salah***! Please Allah Ta'ala and in every condition you will attain comfort.

Whenever any attractive face appears then practice the advice given by Allah Ta'ala and quickly lower your gaze. Just as when the son becomes troubled, he remembers ***Abba's*** advice, so similarly when the servant becomes troubled then he should remember ***Rabba's*** advice. Allah is our Creator, He is the most merciful of those who show mercy, so can anyone give better advice than Him? Allah Ta'ala says that when an attractive face appears and one gets the urge to look, then he should immediately practice on,



(Sura Nur; Ayat No. 30, Juz No. 18)

Lower your gaze, continue on your way, and don't fix your gaze on any beauty. Don't depend on these temporary supports or else **shaytaan** will overtake you. Flee from there whilst guarding your eyes because Allah Ta'ala says:



"Flee towards Allah!!!"

(Sura Zariaat; Ayat No. 50, Juz No. 18)

'Do not remain in the place where I am being disobeyed! Flee from there! It is not permissible to stay there.'

One should not stay in the place of Allah's punishment and anger for even a single moment. That moment in which a person commits sin, such as casting evil glances, is the moment in which the fire of Allah's wrath and curse descends. It is mentioned in a **Hadith Shareef:**

﴿ لَعَنَ اللّٰهُ النَّاظِرَ وَالْمَنْظُوْرَ اِلَيْهِ ﴾

"Allah's curse is upon the one who casts evil glances and the one who presents himself/herself to be looked at."

(Mishkaat; Pg. 270)

For instance if a woman who exposes her beauty to strange men, both are being cursed; the one who looks and the one who presents himself/herself to be looked at.

TO ENTERTAIN THE HEART BY SINNING IS FOOLISHNESS

Now if someone asks, "Then how should we pass time? How should we entertain ourselves? What is there for us in this world? You stop us from looking at beautiful features, you stop us from watching videos, you stop us from music on the radio, so where should we go? Should we just sit in the **Masjid** all day? We can't see anyone in the **Masjid**, who should we look at then? We take Allah's name but we don't see Him either, so how will we enjoy life like this? How do we pass our days?"

So in other words, you are saying that to pass your days in sin is enjoyable. Are you not ashamed of passing your days in sin while severing your connection with Allah Ta'ala? Think about what you are saying! If someone does the slightest amount of good to you in this world then you feel ashamed of displeasing that person. But that Mighty Being upon whose earth you are living, and whose ground you are walking on, you displease?

Did your father create this earth? Did your grandfather create that sun which you take benefit from on a daily basis? These eyes which you misuse, or want to misuse, where did you get them from? Did you rent them out? Your parents did not create these eyes. Allah created them. Use your logic! Come to your senses! Don't be a fool! Allah Ta'ala has given human beings logic and intellect.



There is no peace in committing sins. Those beautiful faces that you are trying to gain peace and enjoyment from, when those faces deteriorate and lose their beauty then where will you run to for peace and enjoyment?

تم نے دیکھا بگڑتی بہت صورتیں
ان کی صورت بھی اک دن بگڑ جائے گی

You have seen many pretty faces deteriorate,
Their faces will also deteriorate one day.

The above is my couplet. I also have another couplet:

حسینوں کا جغرافیہ میر بدلا
کہاں جاؤ گے اپنی تاریخ لے کر

When the geography of beauty changes O Meer,
Where will you take your history and go?

یہ عالم نہ ہوگا تو پھر کیا کرو گے
زحل مشتری اور مریخ لے کر

When this Earth will no longer exist,
What will you have achieved in spite of having
conquered Saturn, Jupiter, and Mars?

PEACE IS ONLY IN THE REMEMBRANCE OF ALLAH

Abstaining from sins and remembering the name of Allah Ta'ala is the only way to attain peace and tranquillity. So learn to make the ***zikr*** of Allah Ta'ala and sit in the company of those ***Buzurgs*** where the sweetness of the name of Allah is attained. They are those whom Allah Ta'ala, through his love and connection, has granted them an understanding. Go and spend some time with them, take out 40 days and then see for yourself what happens.

If someone is diagnosed with cancer of the lungs and the doctor advises him to go to the mountains of *Maree* (for treatment by breathing fresh air) would he not go? The *Allah-walas* have the remedies for spiritual diseases. One attains the love of Allah through the company of the *Ahlullah*. We can't see Allah Ta'ala, but our hearts can perceive Him. That is why the special mercies of Allah Ta'ala are always descending upon the hearts of the *Ambiya* and *Auliya*.

THE PROOF FOR THE INCOMPARABLE ENJOYMENT OF TA'ALUQ MA'ALLAH*

A Nabi is sent alone, but he takes on the entire world single-handedly. Rasulullah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) was presented with many offers to leave the work of prophethood. He was told;

- "Do not slander our idols...
- Do not propagate Islam...
- Do not call to the greatness of Allah...

Form an alliance with us and we will provide you with the women of your choice. If you desire to rule over the entire Arabian Peninsula, then we are prepared to fulfill your heart's desire."

Look into the history books as to what answer Rasulullah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) gave them. He said to them: "If you put the sun in my right hand and the moon in my left then I will not leave this effort of calling to the Oneness of Allah Ta'ala." If there is no enjoyment in the name of Allah, then the *Ambiya* and the *Auliya* would not have sacrificed their lives. Unfortunately, we are unaware of this enjoyment because we have never tried making an effort for it.

We have not appreciated Allah Ta'ala, but you will see, when you enter the grave as to what you had gained from your worldly entertainment. On the contrary, you will see what enjoyment the *Allah-walas* have attained. If this secret becomes exposed, then all the kafirs would become Muslim. But understand that the reality is this,

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* *A special connection with Allah Ta'ala.*

جیسی کرنی ویسی بھرنی نہ مانے تو کر کے دیکھ
دوزخ بھی ہے جنت بھی ہے نہ مانے تو مر کے دیکھ

What you sow is what you reap, if you don't believe this, try and see,
Hell exists and Paradise exists and if you don't believe this, then die and see.

Tell me brothers, does this make sense? Believe in Rasulullah (ﷺ) and learn to live in comfort. Those who strictly adhere to the ***sunnat*** and ***Shariat***, they alone are the ***Auliya-Allah***. Learn ***Deen*** only from them.

FROM WHOM SHOULD THE DEEN BE LEARNT?

In this world, before we hand our luggage to any porter (**coolie**), then we look for his nametag to ensure that he is an official worker. If a person comes to us in the most expensive clothing and says, "Sir, please hand over your luggage to me." Then will you not hesitate in giving your luggage to him? You will think to yourself, "Who knows who this person is? It must not happen that he takes my luggage and runs off." So for your mere worldly possessions, you do not hand your luggage to just anybody without proper identification. Tell me then, is it proper to hand over your **Imaan** to just anybody?

Does it make sense to make any bald, weed-smoking, alcoholic, clean-shaven imposter your ***peer*** without thinking? For the sake of luggage you search for identification but have you searched for identification of the one you give your **Imaan** to? Does he have the signs of obedience to Rasulullah (ﷺ)? Does he have the official identification card of adherence to the ***sunnah*** or not? The child of a person who was hosting one of these fake ***peers*** said to his father: "What kind of ***peer*** is this? His beard is **shaven and he is smoking**!" If someone is ***bay'ah*** with such a deviant ***peer*** then to break this ***bay'ah*** is compulsory in **Shariah**.



WHO ARE THE PEOPLE OF ALLAH?

Know that the *Allah-Walas* have a great *maqaam* (status). The *Auliya-Ullah* have a lofty status. They perform *Tahajjud,* stay up (in the night) in worship, perform *Ishraq* and abstain from sins, they have the necessary knowledge of the Qur'aan and Hadith in their hearts. They strictly adhere to *Shariah* and *Sunnah* with heart and soul. They know what is *Sunnah* and what is not. Becoming a *peer* is not so easy that any son of a *peer* also becomes a *peer.* Does the son of a pilot also become a pilot even if he doesn't learn how to fly a plane?

Is it possible that the son of a hafiz also becomes a hafiz, if he doesn't memorize the Qur'aan? Similarly, the son of a *wali* will never become a *wali* unless he does not adopt the actions of *wilayat*. How can we accept that a person who does not perform *Salah,* does not fast, and does not abstain from sins to be a *wali*? That person who smokes marijuana, shaves off his beard, gets massages by women is not a *wali,* he is a shaytaan. It doesn't matter how great a *wali* his father was. To be the son of a *wali* is not sufficient. The character of *Auliya* and the actions of the *Auliya* are also necessary. Adherence to the *Shariat* and *Sunnat* is also a prerequisite.

THE FITNAH OF SUCCESSION

The *fitnah* (mischief) that has come about now-a-days is due to successorship. This misconception has become widespread that the son of a *wali* automatically becomes a *wali*. Generally, the offspring of *Auliya* are also pious but after a generation or so some waver off the correct path. When they become irreligious, leaving *Salah* and fasting, they think to themselves, 'Now, how will we earn a living? We did not attain the inheritance of our forefathers, neither do we have the ability to earn Halaal wealth.' They get lazy and live off the gifts of people. Since they do not have any good deeds, nor do they have knowledge of Qur'aan and Hadith they think to themselves, 'Let us sell our 'grandfather's bones' by gathering people on his grave and

playing *qawalis* with musical instruments, or else people will not come to us. There should also be some fun and enjoyment in deceiving people. For this we'll feed people *biryani* and play music and drums and tell some stories of our forefathers' miracles so that people start believing in us. They'll say that we are from the progeny of pious people. And in order to get money from people we will convince them to believe that the progeny of pious people also automatically became pious in spite of having evil actions.'

Na'udhu Billah! This is an absolutely ignorant belief, that the son of a **peer** is also a **peer**. If someone says to the director of atomic energy that I am a qualified M.S.C., so you must accept that my son is also a qualified M.S.C.! The director will most likely reply that you should visit a mental institution because your screw is loose!

Let me give you another example. Let's say you buy a car, and you want to hire a driver also. The driver apologizes saying that he is very busy and offers his son to you for the position. You ask as to whether his son has learnt how to drive or not. He replies that he has not learnt how to drive but is the son of a driver!

If becoming the *mureed* of a *peer's* son is as if you have become a *mureed* of the *peer* himself, why don't you also then accept the driver's son as your driver? You will say that he'll kill us all in an accident and the car will be wrecked. However, if your **Imaan** becomes destroyed (by following a deviant *peer*) then you are not bothered at all. You are not bothered about destroying the Hereafter which is everlasting. No matter how evil the son of a *peer* is, you are prepared to accept him as your *peer*. What is wrong with you that you are after these *peers*? What does Allah Ta'ala say in **Qur'aan Shareef** about **Hazrat Nuh's** (عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام) son?

﴿ اِنَّهٗ لَيۡسَ مِنۡ اَهۡلِكَ ﴾

"He is not from your family."

(Sura Hud; Ayat No. 46, Juz No. 12)

When the offspring are unworthy due to their evil actions then they are not attributed to their father. Do you not see that the **Qur'aan** is proclaiming: اِنَّهٗ لَيۡسَ مِنۡ اَهۡلِكَ , when in fact **Hazrat Nuh** (عَلَيۡهِ السَّلَام) requested Allah Ta'ala to save his son.

Allah Ta'ala replied that he is not from your family because he is not on Our path, and does not obey Us. So if he is not Ours, then how could he be yours? Allah Ta'ala is saying to **Hazrat Nuh** (عَلَيۡهِ السَّلَام), "O My Beloved Nabi! You are of Us, but your son did not become Ours because he did not bring faith in Us, so how can he be yours? Those who do not belong to Us, should not belong to you either."

This is how a relationship should be. Tell me, if someone who claims to be your friend is secretly having tea and joking around with your enemy, will your heart not become bitter towards him? Will you not regard him to be a traitor? Allah Ta'ala has given you logic and understanding. Think, and use that logic which Allah Ta'ala has bestowed upon you.

Try to understand through an example. Suppose that your enemy is supplying you electricity. However at times people mix radioactive waves with that electricity by which people can faint and loose their senses. In such a situation you should make sure that your power supply is coming directly from the main ELECTRIC POWER PLANT. It should not be that your enemy is intercepting **your line half way and joining a** radioactive line in order to cause you harm. Therefore, that line which is coming directly from the main 'POWER PLANT' of **Sayyidul-Ambiya** (صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم) through the Sahaba (رضی اللہ عنہم) this is the line of SUNNAT and SHARIAT.

DECEPTION OF THE FAKE PEERS

These fake peers have added innovations in this ***Deen***. They even smoke marijuana and dress inappropriately, but simple and ignorant people are deceived into thinking that they have a very high rank of ***wilayah***. They even believe that the sun and the moon are in orbit with their command. These poor, deceived people say, "All you see is a person dressed in immoral clothes, not performing a single ***Salah***, what do you know what their status is? Don't be fooled by their marijuana smoking and beard shaving...They are people of very high status... don't be deceived by what these '**Maulana** people' are saying...don't listen to their talks on **Qur'aan** and **Hadith**...

The path of "Spirituality" and the path of these **Maulanas** is completely separate... The path of ***Shariat*** is separate and the path of ***Tariqat*** is separate." ***Na'udhu Billah***! To these ignorant people, the path of **Qur'aan** and **Hadith** is separate and the path of **Tasawwuf** is separate. Whereas Allah Ta'ala says in the **Qur'aan Majeed**:



﴿ وَإِذَا سَأَلْتُمُوهُنَّ مَتَاعاً فَاسْأَلُوهُنَّ مِنْ وَّرَاءِ حِجَابٍ ﴾

(Sura Ahzaab; Ayat No. 53, Juz No. 22)

'O Companions of My Beloved Nabi! You are such people in whose era the angel **Jibreel** (عليه السلام) is regularly descending from the heavens. You are such people in whose presence the Nabi (صلى الله عليه وسلم) is directly receiving revelation from Allah Ta'ala. You are such people who are receiving direct guidance and spiritual nurturing from Nabi (صلى الله عليه وسلم) himself.'

Allah Ta'ala is commanding such a people that when they need to ask anything from the wives of Nabi (صلى الله عليه وسلم) then they should ask from behind a veil and not talk directly with them. Tell me, is there anyone with a cleaner heart than the **Sahaba**? Such pure-hearted individuals are being commanded to strictly observe the rules of ***Hijab*** from the wives of Nabi (صلى الله عليه وسلم) who are in reality the 'Mothers of the **Ummah**'.

In that pure household upon which **Jibreel** (عليه السلام) was descending with Divine Revelation, they were commanded to adopt the ***Hijab***. And these fake **peers** are saying, "Don't get deceived by the **Maulwi's.**" Hence you see them in their gatherings men are intermingling with women while ***qawali*** is being played and people are going into states of "Spiritual Ecstasy".

There was a person in ***Lalukhait*** (an area in Karachi) who was ***bay'ah*** to a **peer** who used to have ***qawali*** played at his gatherings. ***Salah*** would be performed in the **Masjid** while they would be busy listening to the ***qawali***. Nobody would attend the ***Salah*** being performed in the **Masjid**. The person would think to himself, "Why is it that fasting and ***Salah*** is being neglected?" Is it because playing the ***tablas*** is worship? ***Na'udhu-Billah***! Use your logic and think for yourself.

Did Nabi (صلى الله عليه وسلم) ever play the ***tablas***? If so, then please show us that **Hadith** and I will be the first one to play the ***tablas*** for you! If Nabi (صلى الله عليه وسلم) ever played the ***tablas*** in his life, if he ever played the guitar and sang ***qawali*** while people jumped about around him, then this would have been recorded in **Bukhari Shareef** and other books of **Hadith**. This is because Allah Ta'ala has taken the responsibility of preserving this ***Deen*** Himself. Allah Ta'ala has said:

﴿ اِنَّا نَحۡنُ نَزَّلۡنَا الذِّكۡرَ وَاِنَّا لَهٗ لَحٰفِظُوۡنَ ﴾

"Verily We have revealed this Qur'aan and verily We are protectors over it".

(Sura Hijr; Ayat No. 9, Juz No. 14)

Allah Ta'ala had not taken the responsibility of the Heavenly Books of the previous nations. Rather this responsibility was given to the ***Ulama*** of those nations. Those ***Ulama*** became greedy for worldly wealth. As a result they sold away and altered the Divine Books. However Allah Ta'ala solely took the responsibility of protecting the **Qur'aan** and **Ahadith**.

Therefore, playing the drums and guitar will not become ***Deen*** through the sayings of these fake **peers**. Till the Day of Judgment only that will be ***Deen*** what Allah and his Rasul (ﷺ) have brought. Therefore, he who does not conform to the ***Deen*** brought by Rasulullah (ﷺ) will not be considered **"GENUINE"**.

The true definition of ***peer*** is one who does ***"pee-rawi"***, who follows Rasulullah (ﷺ) and treads in his footsteps. On the other hand, he who meets with strange women carelessly can never be a ***"peer"***, rather he is a devil. When the Nabi of Allah (ﷺ) observes the ***Hijab*** and ***Pardah*** from **ghair mahram** women, then how is it that the "servant" of Rasulullah (ﷺ) does not observe ***Hijab***?

This is because he is not a true servant. He is an unworthy servant. That person who does not observe ***Hijab*** from women is not a ***peer***, he is a fake. On the Day of Judgment, only the servitude of Nabi (ﷺ) will benefit. Following in the footsteps of Nabi (ﷺ) will only benefit. This is because his footsteps lead directly to **Jannah**. I have a couplet on this:

نقشِ قدم نبی کے ہیں جنت کے راستے

اللہ سے ملاتے ہیں سنت کے راستے

The footsteps of the Nabi (ﷺ) is the pathway to Jannah,
The pathway of sunnah leads to Allah.

Every path other than his footsteps is deviation. There are some more couplets of mine regarding this:

جو چلا نقش پائے نبی پر

کامراں ہے وہ دونوں جہاں میں

He who treads in the footsteps of the Nabi (ﷺ),
He is successful in both the worlds.



مومن جو فدا نقشِ کفِ پائے نبی ہو
ہو زیرِ قدم آج بھی عالَم کا خزینہ

The believer who becomes sacrificed for the Sunnah,
Then even now, the treasures of the world will be beneath his feet.

گر سُنّتِ نبوی کی کرے پیروی اُمت
طوفاں سے نکل جائے گا پھر اس کا سفینہ

If the Ummah follows the Sunnah of the Nabi (صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم),
Then their ship will safely come out of the storm.

AN EYEWITNESS ACCOUNT OF "QAWALI ECSTASY"

Nabi (صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم) has said that I have been sent to destroy the musical instruments, so how is it that the drums and guitar can become **Deen**? As I was saying, that person who was ***bay'ah*** to a **peer** from ***Lalukhait*** relates his eyewitness account of a ***qawali*** gathering. In this gathering, there are young men and women sitting together with ***qawali*** music playing. All of a sudden they go into "Spiritual Ecstasy" and start dancing around. In the same instant, a young man falls unconscious and rolls on the ground and suddenly his trousers become totally drenched in semen. In other words, he ejaculated in his trousers.

That person who was witnessing this sickening sight immediately made **taubah** and thought to himself, 'if there is any purity in what these people are doing, then why are they becoming filthy and impure?' Tell me, do people ejaculate in ***Salah***? Do people become impure like this while reciting **Qur'aan**? It is obvious that when that young man fell unconscious, he was fantacizing about those women who were dancing around in that gathering and he had done everything with them in that fantasy world. Now tell me, what is wrong with these people?

MUSIC AND SINGING BREEDS HYPOCRISY

Nabi (ﷺ) says:

﴿ إِنَّ الْغِنَاءَ يُنْبِتُ النِّفَاقَ فِي الْقَلْبِ كَمَا يُنْبِتُ الْمَاءُ الزَّرْعَ ﴾

"Music breeds hypocrisy (in the heart) just as water grows vegetation."

(Mishkaat; Pg. 411, Narrated by Baihaqi in Shu'abul Imaan)

Also, **Hazrat Fuzail Ibn Iyaaz** (رحمۃ اللہ علیہ) says:



"Music is the "amulet" or "spell" to Zina (fornication)" it is that thing which faciliates fornication and shamelessness.

(Al-Masnu Fee Ma'rifati Ahadeethil Maudhu; Pg. 95)

There was a student of ***Deen*** who used to study in Karachi. His father was very pious and was punctual in performance of ***tahajjud salah***. He was also ***bay'ah*** to **Hazrat Thanwi** (رحمۃ اللہ علیہ). He asked what the reason was that music was forbidden in ***Shari'ah,*** because back in the United States, they would listen to a lot of music. Everywhere you go there is music being played.

I replied that music has been forbidden in ***Shari'ah,*** because music breeds the desire for fornication. That female singer who sings with a beautiful voice, do you not get evil thoughts about her? When he heard this reply he became very happy and said that he now understood and that he will abstain from listening to music from now on.

EVERY SIN IS HARMFUL

Therefore, everything which has been forbidden in ***Sunnah,*** has been forbidden for our benefit. Every sin is harmful for one's health. Tell me, is there any sin that is beneficial to mankind? If a father stops his son from doing something, will that thing be beneficial? So what can be thought about our Creator? Can that Being Who is the Creator of the mercy of the mother and father stop and prevent us from beneficial

things? He has forbidden us from whatever brings us harm and loss. Take for example casting evil glances at ***ghair mahram*** women. It could be that the women you glance at takes your heart away and you end up neglecting and oppressing your own wife. This is why ***Shari'ah*** has forbidden evil glances at the opposite sex. How many households are unhappy these days? The husband, due to casting evil glances here and there gets caught up with some young girl, leaving his own wife crying day and night. She then asks for ***ta'weez*** to bring her husband back, saying that her husband doesn't even look at her when he talks because he's caught up with another woman. All the peace and tranquillity of the home comes to an end.

Now we could understand how beneficial it is that ***Shari'ah*** has commanded us to safeguard our eyes. The more one safeguards one's eyes and the more one remains with ***taqwa,*** accordingly one will have love and affection in one's married life. You don't hear of such people (who have ***taqwa***) having problems in their married life.

As for those people who are afflicted with the sickness of casting evil glances, they are ill mannered and their wives are crying because of them. Ask me about it, such cases come to me often. Some wives cry, saying that they want to end their lives because their husbands come home at midnight and don't even talk to them properly.

They say, "You aren't attractive to me any more, that's why I go to her". Such husbands turn their faces from their wives in bed. Therefore, the more one adheres to the ***Shari'ah*** the more one has tranquillity and the more one's family and household will be in tranquillity. This is why one pious, Muslim woman was asked by her husband whether or not he should keep a beard. Her reply was that he should definitely keep his beard. And she said, "If you do this, you will remain mine. You will not belong to others, because today's "modernized" women don't like men with beards. So quickly leave a beard!" What a brilliant statement.

This is an incident from your own city of Hyderabad. This is an expression of the strength of her ***Imaan***. A pious woman will also want her husband to become pious and be a servant and follower of the ***Sunnah*** of Rasulullah (ﷺ). I congratulate this woman and consider her very worthy of praise. May Allah Ta'ala raise her ranks and grant her great rewards.

RECOGNITION OF THE DEEN BROUGHT BY RASULULLAH (ﷺ)

So we were talking about the ***Lalukhait*** incident. When a ***mureed*** of that ***peer*** saw that there are ejaculations going on during ***qawali*** sessions, intermingling of men and women and music, people fighting over pieces of chicken, ***Salah*** not being performed, he became extremely doubtful and approached me concerning this issue. I told him that the ***Deen*** which was revealed by Allah Ta'ala, does it contain such nonsense and obscenity? Did **Hazrat Ali** (رضی اللہ عنہ) play the ***tablas*** and guitar and sing ***qawali***s?

Did the **Sahabah** go to the grave of Nabi (ﷺ) and do ***Urs***? Did they play musical instruments on his grave like what is going on upon graves nowadays? Are they not adjoining with the pure line of ***Shari'ah*** the filthy gutter line of innovation? If the sewage pipeline mixes with the city water line then all the people will complain that the gutter line has polluted their water. They will complain that there is a stench in the water and that their children are becoming sick.

Ah! That pure and pristine "pipe line" of ***Shari'ah*** which was granted to us by Nabi (ﷺ) is now being polluted by the "gutter line" of ***bid'ah*** and *shirk* by some **shaytani** people. The result of this is that people are becoming ***mushriks*** and ***bidatis*** every where you go. The punishment that is brought about by ***bid'ah*** is that every ***bid'ah*** causes a *sunnah* to die out from one's life. Ask any ***bid'ati peer*** as to how many ***Sunnahs*** of ***Wudhu*** there are and what the ***Sunnahs*** of ***Salah*** are.

Ask him what the ***Sunnahs*** of entering the **Masjid** are and what are the **duas** when going to sleep and waking up from sleep. They call themselves lovers of Rasulullah (ﷺ) and in reality they are ignorant of the Rasul's ***Sunnahs***! Therefore, that ***mureed*** broke his ***bay'ah*** with that fake ***peer*** and entered the ***silsilah*** of ***Ahl-e-Haq***.

THE INCIDENT OF HAZRAT PEER MUHAMMAD SALOONI (رحمۃ اللہ علیہ)

There is a city in the Indian province of Rai Brailly known as Saloon. A great ***wali*** of Allah has passed who was from there, known as ***Peer* Muhammad Shah Salooni** (رحمۃ اللہ علیہ). He lived in the time of the Mughal Ruler, **Alamgir**. He was such a great ***buzurg*** that **Alamgir** himself wrote him a letter in which he wrote, "I am going to attack Hyderabad Daccan. Hence due to being preoccupied, I will not be able to come to visit you. Therefore if you could come to Delhi and visit me while visiting the graves of the ***Auliya***, then I will also be blessed by your presence." The reply that he gave to the ruler which I have read for myself is as follows:

''فقیر را با بزم سلطانی چہ کار، کریمے دارم چوں گرسنہ می شوم مہمانی می کند
چوں بخسپم پاسبانی می کند کریمے ما بس باقی ہوس''

"What does this lowly servant have to do with royal gatherings? I have such a Benevolent Master Who feeds me when I am hungry and protects me at night when I lay down to sleep. My Benevolent Master is sufficient for me, all else is vanity."

This was his rank and dignity. This was the answer he gave. What a great **Waliullah** he was!

THE CONDITION OF UNWORTHY SUCCESSORS

Unfortunately from the progeny of this very person came such an unworthy successor who used to have two women appointed at his side to massage him. The person we disscused earlier



had become ***bay'ah*** to him. The ***mureed*** of such a person is also blind. I say may Allah Ta'ala save us from the curse of such ***peeri-mureedi***. One of his ***mureed*** who was a cook came to Nazimabad one day. I asked him whose ***mureed*** he was? He replied that he was ***mureed*** of that very ***peer***. I commented that this ***peer*** does not observe ***hijab*** from women. Rather he has two promiscuous, evil women at his side all the time.

He replied, "But ***peer saheb*** is such a pious ***peer.*** He never does anything bad. He holds on to his trousers very tightly. He is very strong willed. Please don't make any remarks about him, he is a very pure and clean individual. There are women around him but he just comforts himself by listening to poetry from them." Hearing this I laughed and thought to myself that this poor person is very simple-minded and naive.

It is exactly this type of people who are deceived. At times the ***peer*** deceives them by telling them that he is performing ***Salah*** at **Makkah**, and in reality he does not perform ***Salah*** at all. They want to hide this fact by deceiving people and telling them that they were performing ***Salah*** in the ***Ka'bah***.

Now tell me, did great ***Auliya*** such as **Junaid Baghdadi, Abu Yazid Bustami, Khwaja Mu'eenudeen Chishti Ajmeri, Hazrat Shaikh Abdul Qadir Jilani,** and other ever perform ***Salah*** in the ***Ka'bah***? These ***Auliya-ullah*** used to perform their ***Salah*** in their respective **Masjids** according to ***Sunnah***. ***Allahu Akbar***! They were true lovers of ***Sunnah*** and they were punctual in ***Salah***. Yet the condition of these fake ***peers*** is that they do not perform ***Salah,*** rather they deceive people by telling them that they perform ***Salah*** in the ***Ka'bah***.

Neverthless, I told that person that Nabi (ﷺ) observed ***hijab*** from ***ghair mahram*** women while your ***peer*** who does not observe ***hijab*** is nothing but a **shaytaan**. You must break your ***bay'ah*** and connection with him. He replied, "Please don't say such things, or else he will break my legs."



I asked him how will he be able to come to Pakistan all the way from India without a visa, will he fly here? Just look at the fear this poor man has in his heart. **Shaytaan** also scares these poor, ignorant people into thinking that if they break their ***bay'ah*** with such a ***peer*** then their legs will be broken.

He then said to me, "Sir, he has the ability to break my legs from there! He will burn me and turn me to ashes! He is a very wrathful ***peer***!"

I started to laugh and again thought to myself that this poor man is so simple and ignorant, someone should explain to him what to do. So I said to him, "Listen...Why don't you become ***bay'ah*** with **Mufti Saheb (Mufti Rashid Ahmad Ludhiyanwi** (رحمۃ اللہ علیہ)". I did not advise him to become ***bay'ah*** to me so that he does not think that I am trying to fool him into becoming ***bay'ah*** to me. At that moment Allah Ta'ala granted me the insight to tell him that **Mufti Saheb** is a very pious scholar and that he is strictly adherent to ***Sunnah*** and ***Sharī'ah***. I also told him that his **peer** who is being massaged by two women is very dangerous because he goes against the teachings of ***Sharī'ah***. I am from the very place which he resides; there is music and dancing, no ***Salah***, no fasting. They are just involved in eating people's wealth. They get a bit of ***haal*** (spiritual ecstasy) and by this they trap people in their ***jaal*** (net of deception). I have a couplet concerning ***haal***:

حال تیرا جال ہے مقصود تیرا مال ہے
کیا خوب تیری چال ہے لاکھوں کو اندھا کر دیا

Your HAAL is your JAAL, Your aim is people's MAAL (wealth), How clever is your CHAAL(trick)! Thousands you have made blind.

These are all tricks to make money and nothing else. Wherever there is no ***Sunnah*** and no ***Shari'ah*** then there are definitely worldly motives involved.

The person asked: "Okay, so tell me, if my legs are broken then what do I do?"

I told him, "My legs will break before anything happens to you because he'll know that I am the one making you break your *bay'ah."*

I also told him, "Don't worry, because I will not allow him to break your legs."

After this, he was contented and became *bay'ah* with **Mufti Saheb** and left this world with **Imaan**. **Alhamdulilah** he made *taubah* from *shirk*, *bid'ah* and *kufr*. What can you say about the person whose degenerated condition is repaired by Allah Ta'ala?

I am grateful to Allah Ta'ala that through our recent journey to Kashmir, Allah Ta'ala put an end to the business of many fake *peers*. Many people who repented and made *taubah* told us that they have been given a new life. These fake *peers* not only loot people's money, they also cause people to become sick and unhealthy. They make their *mureeds* stay up all night and make them leave food and prescribe such difficult *zikr* that makes them go mad.

SOME EYEWITNESS INCIDENTS OF FAKE PEERS

When I was 17 years old, I went out in search of a true **Shaikh** to different *Khanqahs*[1] in Ilahabad. There are 12 *Khanqahs* and in each *Khanqah* there is a peer sitting there. Every *Khanqah* has a grave in it. It is very unusual that people believe that for *peeri-mureedi* or *tasawwuf,* having a grave is necessary. Even if a donkey happens to die there, they will build a tomb over it. Let it even be a dog, they will build a tomb over it and play some *qawali* music. You will see people gathered there asking the grave for their needs.

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[1] ***A place that is established for the sake of spiritual reformation and training.***



They say, "**Baba** please give me a child, please win my case for me, please get me married, etc." Little do they know that a human being is not buried in that grave, rather it is a dead dog lying there. They scare people by telling them that the ***peer*** who is lying in this tomb is a very wrathful ***buzurg***. Not even a bird can fly over this tomb because it will be burnt to ashes if it does.

In this manner they involve people in **shirk** and ruin their ***Imaan,*** looting their money in the process. Nonetheless, I went to that ***peer.*** I was young at that time and had the intense desire to learn the love of Allah Ta'ala from an ***Allah-Wala***.

At one place that I went, the **peer** was dressed in such clothes which were no less than those worn by prostitutes. He had a green, satin ***kurta*** with a star-sparkled cap and antimony in his eyes. Then the ***qawali*** music started. As soon as the music commenced one person went into a state of "spiritual ecstasy" and fell prostrate right on the ***peer's*** feet. Prostration, which is only supposed to be for Allah Ta'ala and is ***haraam*** for anyone else, was being done to this ***peer.*** He was simultaneously being showered with money.

They say that anyone who attains "spiritual states" is successful and becomes a ***Wali-ullah***. Whereas our elders have mentioned that snakes also go into a state of ecstasy. If you play the flute in front of a snake, it will start swaying in ecstasy. Now does that mean that you must accept the snake to be a ***Wali-ullah***? A person does not become a ***Wali-ullah*** through spiritual states. ***Wilayat*** is attained through adherence to the ***Shari'ah*** and ***Sunnah*** and through the obedience of Allah Ta'ala.

If ***wilayat*** was attained through 'states' then every black cobra would be a ***wali***. If going into states of ecstasy was a condition for ***wilayat*** then you should become ***bay'ah*** to a snake, it will quickly make you reach Allah Ta'ala.



Therefore, when I saw that he was prostrating before that ***peer*** **saheb** and he is not preventing him from doing so, I thought to myself, "O Allah, Nabi (ﷺ) has forbidden us to prostrate before any creation. As for the prostration of the angels before **Adam** (عليه السلام), that was prostration of reverence and respect not prostration of worship and servitude.

Thereafter, ***Shari'ah*** prohibited the prostration of reverence before any creation. Nabi (ﷺ) has said that prostration before anyone other than Allah Ta'ala is ***haraam.*** Once a **Sahabi** asked "O Rasulallah (ﷺ) may I prostrate before you?" Nabi (ﷺ) replied, "No."

The **Sahabi** then asked that if he says '**Asalaamu-Alaikum**' should he bow down? Nabi (ﷺ) told him that he should not bow either, but rather he should say **salaam** standing upright. That Nabi (ﷺ) who forbade his people from bowing in front of him, his supposed "follower" today is making people prostrate before him. When I saw that this ***peer*** is making people fall prostrate before him, I fled from there and knew that they were deviated.

Once, I saw a ***peer saheb*** at the airport with a briefcase and brightly colored fancy clothes with stars on it. There was a 20-year-old girl accompanying that ***peer saheb***. The ***peer*** himself was about 80 years old and the girl was 20.

Later it was known that she was in medical college and had become his ***mureed***. He was keeping aphrodisiac pills in his briefcase and had a court case in Lahore. The father of this young girl was arguing her case in court that this girl is his daughter and has been exploited by this ***peer*** and he wants his daughter back.

The ***peer*** had promised the girl that if she marries him, then all the other ***mureeds*** will kiss her feet in respect and revere her and that he will build a hospital for her and that he has



hundreds of thousands of rupees to do so. That girl became greedy after hearing his false promises and testified in court that she doesn't want to go back to her father and that she will remain with that peer. The poor father returned home in tears after loosing the case. In my youth, in search for Allah Ta'ala, I went to another peer. This peer used to eat a lot of chicken, to such an extent that he had a graveyard of chickens. I have a poem on this,

ہزاروں مرغے بنا کے مدفن ترے بدن میں جو سو گئے ہیں
انہی کے دَم سے یہ تیرے اعضا بھی موٹے موٹے سے ہو گئے ہیں

Thousands of chickens which are buried in the graveyard of your body,
It is through them that your limbs have become so fat.

He was such a ***peer*** that when the news of his arrival would reach any village, the chicken would tremble with fear.

سارے مُرغے یہ خبر سُن کے سہم جاتے ہیں
جب وہ سنتے ہیں کہ بستی میں کوئی پیر آیا

Hearing such news all the chickens start to shiver in fear,
When they hear that a Peer has come to town.

He was such that he would say to his ***mureeds,***

بغل میں تو اگر مرغی نہ لایا
برابر ہے کہ تو آیا نہ آیا

If you do not come with a chicken under your arm,
Then it makes no difference to me whether you come or not.

These are all my poems. In short, I then asked that I have come in search of Allah Ta'ala, how can one attain Him. He said, "Well, we do some ***zikr*** here. So much ***zikr*** and spiritual exercises are done that a single ***mureed*** must eat-up an entire goat."



I replied, "Brother, I don't have that much space in my stomach. I will die after eating a single goat! I have just studied herbal medicine in ***Tibiyya*** College. A ***Hakeem*** knows these things. After this incident, I fled from there also.

THE GREATNESS OF THE AULIYA

From my youth, I had the desire to attain the love of Allah Ta'ala from a ***wali*** of Allah. But the condition for this is that he must be a true ***wali*** of Allah.

Maulana Anwar Shah Kashmiri (رحمۃ اللہ علیہ) said "O students of ***Bukhari Shareef***! The dust that settles on the bottom of the shoes of the ***Auliya*** is more valuable than the jewels that are embedded in the crowns of kings." This is the respect that we have for the ***Auliya,*** but on the condition that he is a true ***wali*** of Allah.

THE CURSE OF FAMILY PEERS

These up to date, ***beedi***-smoking ***peers,*** who make no effort in ***Salah*** nor fasting, cannot be ***Auliya*** of Allah even if they are sons of pious predecessors. They cannot be made leaders. Look, a person is not a doctor, but he is the son of a doctor. His father was your family doctor but what does his son do? He sells vegetables. If you catch malaria and your fever rises, will you go to this doctor's son who sells vegetables to get medical treatment?

If a person persists that you get an injection from him, would you allow him to give you an injection? You will say, "He will kill me! His father was a doctor, not him! I will not submit my life to him." But unfortunately nowadays people are giving away their ***Imaan*** to these "family ***peers***" who do not even perform ***Salah*** or fast.

Friends! This is something to cry over that we will not submit our precious bodies and lives to the son of a family doctor who is not qualified to be a doctor. Yet we are prepared to give away our ***Deen*** and ***Imaan*** to these deceiving frauds.

Anyhow, listen carefully. Let it not be that you say, "No one had informed us."

We don't want to force anyone to accept what we are saying. I am just putting forward to you, with love and affection, the fact that Allah Ta'ala will ask you on the Day of Judgment concerning whether you followed the ***Sunnahs*** of His Nabi (صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم) or not.

Allah Ta'ala will ask us on that Day concerning the path of his Nabi (صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم). We will not be asked who our "family ***peer***" was and whether we used to smoke ***beedis*** like him or not. You will not be asked if you followed in his footsteps or not. "Your ***peer*** used to smoke marijuana, did you also smoke? Why did you not get drunk like your ***peer***? Your ***peer*** used to tell people lottery numbers (which is gambling), why did you not learn this also?"

If the ***mureed*** of such a ***peer*** commits such actions such as; he smokes marijuana, drinks alcohol, gambles, does not perform ***Salah*** nor fasts, then he will also be punished. Allah Ta'ala will ask us whether we performed ***Salah*** according to ***Sunnah*** or not? He will ask whether we performed ***wudhu*** according to the ***Sunnah*** or not? We will be asked whether we fasted and whether we remembered the ***Sunnah*** at the time of wearing clothes or not?

People are not even prepared to listen to these things nowadays. They say that this is the path of "***Maulwis***". Now tell me, is this the path of the "***Maulwis***" or the path of Nabi (صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم)? The ***Maulwis*** only explain the laws, they do not make them. Yes, if no reference is given from **Qur'aan** and **Hadith** then one should not accept what they say.

But we are giving reference from the Book of Allah from **Bukhari Shareef** and from **Muslim Shareef**. We have no 'old score' to settle with you by which we want to give you incorrect information and lead you astray.

We are not of those *peers* who are asking you to decorate and adorn a place for us. We don't ask anything of you except that you adorn and decorate your hearts with the love of Allah Ta'ala and Rasul (ﷺ). Adorning our hearts with the love of Allah and Rasul (ﷺ) is sufficient. Even if we have no external adornment, peace and tranquillity is internal. True peace is the peace and tranquillity of the heart.

That slave, whether man or woman, whom Allah is pleased with is a very valuable slave. And if Allah Ta'ala is not pleased, then adorn and beautify the external as much as you want, spend thousands on name and fame and on luxurious weddings. Yet you will attain nothing from all this.

Just please Allah Ta'ala. No matter how much people curse and insult you do not pay any attention to their slander. Do not be with the worldly-minded people because they cannot save you from the wrath of Allah.

Adopt simplicity in your weddings. I advised my son, **Maulana Mazhar** (دامت برکاتہم) to be simple when marrying off his children. I married my daughter and son off with 4000 rupees. In my daughter's wedding, I didn't even feed the people of the wedding precession. To feed the procession of the daughter is not ***Sunnah***.

I am grateful to Allah Ta'ala that today I am living in comfort. I didn't have to take a loan and put myself in debt. If I wanted to spend a hundred thousand rupees, then I could have easily taken a loan. ***Mureeds*** are ready to give in these regards. But what would have happened if I would have taken it? I would have been deprived of sleep due to tension and anxiety. Today, I am drinking the cup of contentment and peace in the love of Allah Ta'ala and speaking to you all such enjoyable words. Otherwise all this ecstasy would have been ruined and every moment I would cry to Allah to fulfill my debts.

Such ***peers*** are eventually compelled to ask their ***mureeds*** to have mercy on their pitiful condition and help them out with the payment of their debts.

Such a ***peer*** should be abandoned who asks his ***mureeds*** instead of Allah Ta'ala. ***Deeni*** matters are a different issue. If money is spent on ***Madrasah*** and ***Masjid*** then yes, invest the money on them. But even for the ***Masjid***, if one does not spend that money honestly and eats it up himself, then such a person should not be given any donation.

One person used to collect donations for the ***Masjid*** and would swear by Allah that he would put the money on the ***Masjid***. A student saw that this person ordered chicken with the ***Masjid*** money. After a while the student asked him, "Excuse me teacher, you collected donations for the *masjid* but you used the money to order chicken for yourself. You said that you will put the money on the ***Masjid*** !"

The teacher replied, "You are a fool. I took the notes and rubbed them on the ***Masjid*** walls. Thereafter I ordered a chicken with that money and ate it. Therefore I do not lie when I swear by Allah that I will put the money 'on the ***Masjid***' !"

Similarly, there was a rich merchant who used to eat 8 ***anas**** worth of sweetmeats daily and he used to tell his customers, "I swear by Allah I only take 8 ***anas*** worth." All the people would say, "Where will you find such a merchant who only makes 8 ***anas*** of profit? We should only do business with him."

But when the same customers would see the price range at other shops, they would realize that he really cheated them for their money. So then they would complain to him saying, "You told us that you don't take more than 8 ***anas***, but we see a big difference in the prices elsewhere. You have cheated us."

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* ***Coins that used to be in circulation in Indo/Pak.***

He would tell them, "By Allah I have only taken 8 ***anas.*"** Later on they found out that every morning he would eat 8 ***anas*** worth of sweetmeats and would base his oath on that. May Allah save us from such deceptive frauds.

Therefore, in this day and age, if a person has found a true ***peer*** who is adherent to the ***Shari'ah*** and ***Sunnah,*** there is no one more fortunate than him. We are extremely grateful to Allah Ta'ala that Allah Ta'ala connected us to such pious ***buzurgs*** who are adherent to the ***Sunnah,*** or else we would also be smoking marijuana somewhere today.

THE CONDITION OF FAKE KHANQAHS

There was one friend of ours who was caught up with a fake ***peer*** in a fake ***khanqah*** in Sindh wherein his life was ruined. They would mix 10 almonds with one gram of marijuana and make their ***mureeds*** take this. Like this, his youth was destroyed and he ended up being a good-for-nothing.

Today, this is the condition at these fake ***khanqahs***. There is an ignorant, fake ***peer*** sitting there with big moustaches, neither does he perform ***Salah*** nor does he fast. There's just beef coming in all the time and ***biryani*** being cooked. There is ***qawali*** music going on and after that they have illicit intercourse and even homosexuality (which is **haraam** and a major sin) takes place.

He said that the police also come to get the prayers of these fake ***peers***. So all of us youth who lived close to this place used to say to each other that these people who come to get prayers from these fake ***peers*** are all fools. They are getting prayers from villains and criminals. These people neither perform ***Salah*** nor fast, how can their prayers be accepted?

People are in those places out of greed for money and wealth, otherwise, they know very well that he who is not in accordance with ***Sunnah*** and ***Shar'iah,*** how will his prayers be accepted?

THE STANDARD FOR WILAYAT AND PIETY

To become an ***Allah-Wala,*** Allah Ta'ala has placed a standard



for this in the **Qur'aan Majeed**. He says to his Nabi (ﷺ), "O My Nabi (ﷺ) announce,

﴿ اِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُحِبُّوْنَ اللّٰهَ ﴾

"If you love Allah Ta'ala ....

﴿ فَاتَّبِعُوْنِىْ ﴾

...then follow the path of Nabi (ﷺ)."

(Sura Al-Imran; Ayat No. 31, Juz No. 3)

Observe ***hijab*** from women, do not keep pictures in the home, perform 5 times ***Salah***, keep a fist-length beard, trim your moustaches, keep your trousers above your ankles, fast the month of **Ramadhan**.

Whatever questions you have about the ***Sunnah***, then ask. Everything has been recorded in the books. Purchase ***Uswai Rasul-e-Akram*** (ﷺ), it is an excellent book, and read it with the family. Similarly, ***Behishti Zewar*** is a good book, we should correct our ***Salah*** through it.

Anything you do, first ask whether it is according to the ***Shari'ah*** and ***Sunnah*** or not. Does it connect to **Madina Munawarrah** or not. Is it connected with Nabi (ﷺ)? If that action has a connection to **Madina**, then know that it is ***Deen***, otherwise, it is not ***Deen***. This is the standard because the ***Deen*** was revealed to Nabi (ﷺ). This is the only true path and anything opposite to it is deviation. He has conveyed the complete ***Deen*** to mankind. In the farewell **Hajj**, on the plains of Arafat, Nabi (ﷺ) announced:

﴿ قَدْ بَلَّغْتُ قَدْ بَلَّغْتُ ﴾

"I have conveyed the entire Deen! I have conveyed the entire Deen!"

(Bukhari; Vol. 2, Pg. 632, al-Bidaya wan-Nihaya: Vol. 5, Pg. 194)

Therefore, whether it be a wedding ceremony, an occasion of grief or even an occasion of happiness then ask concerning whether it is according to *Sunnah* or not. This is because on the Day of Judgment only that action which was according to the *Sunnah* will be accepted. Any action which is against the *Shari'ah* and *Sunnah* then understand that it is unofficial and anything unofficial is unaccepted.

You tell me, if someone introduces another law in Pakistan's penal code will he not be arrested? Nowadays, people want to add whatever they desire to the *Deen* of Nabi (صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم). Do not make your forefathers the standard, make Rasulullah (صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم) the standard. Do not think to yourself, "Well, our forefathers have been doing this till now...or our family *peer* used to do like this..."

We are not the servants of *peers*, we are the servants of Rasulullah (صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم) and he who is adherent to the *Shari'ah* and *Sunnah* they will adopt the company and serve the true *Auliya* of Allah. They will not drift away and go far from the *Auliya* and they will consider respecting them their good fortune.

In the **Hadith** of **Bukhari Shareef***, it is mentioned that their company changes one's destiny, one's evil fortune and wretchedness is changed to good fortune. An inferior quality mango, after being grafted with a higher quality mango also becomes of a higher quality.

Similarly, in good and pious company a person with evil qualities becomes an *Allah-Wala*. If an inferior quality mango can be transformed into a superior quality mango, so why is it that an inferior heart cannot become a superior heart?

The word *"Sahabah"* is taken from the Arabic word "SUHBA". The meaning of *"Sahabi"*, is the one who has attained the company of Rasulullah (صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم). However many books you read, if you don't attain the company of the pious then you will never have the proper pain of love for Allah and his Rasul (صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم).

*** *Bukhari; Vol. 2, Babu Fadhli Zikrillahi Ta'ala, Mishkaat: Pg. 197)***

Now understand that the standard for piety is not that a person flies in the air and walks on water without any means of a boat, etc. The meaning of piety is complete adherence to the ***Sunnah***. If a person lives his life opposite to the *sunnah* and flies through the air, then he is not a ***wali***. A fly also flies in the air, so why don't you become ***bay'ah*** to it? If you want to know if a person is ***Waliullah*** or not, then see whether he performs ***Salah*** with congregation in the ***Masjid*** or not. Is his external appearance in accordance with the ***Sunnah*** or not. Are the wedding ceremonies in his household in accordance to tribal custom and culture or according to the path of ***Sunnah***.

See whether he is keeping ***haraam*** pictures in his home or not, whether he is placing wax, stone or plastic statues and idols in his home or not. See whether he keeps plastic dolls of dogs and cats or not. Rasulullah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) would not enter that home in which pictures were kept. Our respected mother, **Hazrat Ayesha Siddiqa** (رضی اللہ عنها) had hung a curtain on the door of the house that had pictures on it.

Nabi (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said, "We have been forbidden to enter those homes in which pictures are kept. Unless and until you do not remove this I will not enter. Un-Islamic business transactions, interest based dealings, bribery, etc. all these things are against the ***Shari'ah*** and ***Sunnah***. Follow the path shown to us by Rasulullah (صلى الله عليه وسلم). That Being who makes ***Auliya*** has said in the **Qur'aan Majeed**:

﴿ اِنْ اَوْلِيَاءُهٗ اِلَّا الْمُتَّقُوْنَ ﴾

"His Auliya (friends) are only the Muttaqoon (those who abstain from sins)."

(Sura Anfaal; Ayat No. 31, Juz No. 9)

"Who does not disobey Me and My Rasul (صلى الله عليه وسلم)." Anyone who understands this fact and always asks, "Is this proven from **Hadith**? Have the **Sahabah** done such an action? Has Rasulullah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) told us anything about this?"

Then realize that this **individual will be saved from deviation** and anyone who is drinking water from such a pipeline that is adjoined to the seweage pipe and gutter line, then what will his condition be?

Therefore, **only drink the pure and pristine** water of ***Shari'ah*** and ***Sunnah*** and abstain from the gutter line of ***bid'ah*** (innovation). ***Bid'ah*** is a filthy thing **and the one involved** in ***bid'ah*** is deprived of ***taubah*** because he believes that what he is doing is ***Deen***.

A DESTRUCTIVE INVENTION OF SHAYTAAN

It is mentioned in some narrations of **Hadith** that ***shaytaan*** invented ***bid'aat*** (innovations in ***Deen***) because a true Muslim always makes ***taubah*** and repents from sin.

Adultery, fornication, alcohol, theft and lies will eventually be abandoned because a person knows that they are sins. But he will never leave ***bid'ah*** because he is doing it, thinking it to be a part of ***Deen***. Therefore, when ***shaytaan*** saw that Allah Ta'ala announced the forgiveness of the one who repents from sins and makes ***taubah***. He gathered his ***shayateen*** and had a meeting about inventing such a sin that a person is unable to repent from.

And what **is** that **sin**? It is ***bid'ah***, which is not ***Deen*** but a person believes it to be ***Deen***.

LEARN THE LOVE OF RASULULLAH (ﷺ) FROM SAHABAH

Therefore, look at what kind of love the **Sahabah** had for Rasulullah (ﷺ) in that time. Whatever method of love was adopted by the **Sahabah**, only that is acceptable. What is the condition today? On the **12th** of **Rabiul-Awwal** people hold parades and rallies. Neither do they perform ***Salah*** nor do they fast and just by organizing parades they think they have fulfilled the right of the love of Rasulullah (ﷺ).

Tell me, did the **Sahabah** have such rallies and parades? Do they think they have more love than the **Sahabah** who sacrificed their lives?

There are 70 martyrs who are resting in the mountainside of **Uhud** who gave their lives for Rasulullah (ﷺ). These people however, decorate the streets with banners and close off roads and think they have become lovers of Rasul (ﷺ)?

Salah and fasting are completely absent from their lives and the ***Sunnahs*** of Nabi (ﷺ) are being slaughtered in their homes. They are burying away the ***Sunnahs*** of Rasulullah (ﷺ) by not performing ***Salah,*** nor fasting, having business transactions and social interactions contrary to the ***Sunnah.***

They think that by having parades on the **12th** of **Rabiul-Awwal** and reading ***Durood*** and ***Salam*** and yelling slogans of **"YA RASULALLAH!"** they are becoming the lovers of Rasul.

Tell me, if your son yells slogans of, "O my father! O my father!" and you tell him, "Son, please bring me a glass of water." Your son in response says, "I am not going to bring water, I am going to keep yelling slogans." What will be your reaction to such a son? Will you consider him a worthy or unworthy son?

Similarly, these people disobey Rasulullah (ﷺ) and at the same time yell slogans. This type of slogan yelling is cursed. If one on the other hand obeys the commands of Rasulullah (ﷺ) and lives his life in accordance to the ***Sunnah*** he will become a ***wali*** of Allah without slogans.

Perform your ***Salah*** according to ***Sunnah,*** fast according to ***Sunnah,*** drink according to ***Sunnah,*** eat according to ***Sunnah*** and live your entire life in accordance with the ***Sunnah.***

Only then will it be established that you are a true lover of Rasul (ﷺ). Then, ***Insha-Allah,*** you will become the ***wali*** of Allah without any slogans.

Love is obedience and adherence. Yelling out slogans is not love. But nowadays what **has been made the standard**? A person lives his night and day in accordance to the ***Sunnah*** but does not participate in slogan-yelling, he is not considered a lover of Rasul to these ignorant people.

A person who practices upon the ***Sunnahs***, performs his ***Salah***, fasts, goes for **Hajj**, is steadfast in paying his ***Zakah***, performs ***Tahajjud Salah*** in love of Allah and follows the path shown by Nabi (ﷺ), these people call him a **WAHHABI** and a rejected person.

Another person who neither performs ***Salah*** nor does he fast nor does he live according to ***Shari'ah*** and ***Sunnah*** but he yells slogans of, **"YA NABI SALAM ALAIK!"** on the **12th** of **Rabiul-Awwal** then this person is a genuine ***Ahlus-Sunnah*** to them. Whereas this person is an open-evil doer and rejected in the sight of Nabi (ﷺ) because he is not living according to the ***Deen***.

Those who are true ***Allah-Walas*** and live according to the ***sunnah***, they say that these people are **MARDOOD** and do not deserve any **FATIHA** or **DUROOD**. The reality of the matter is, of what benefit is your **FATIHA** and **DUROOD**? If you led a life against the ***sunnah*** way of life and died on this condition then you are **MARDOOD** (rejected). Thus, if a person dies in this rejected and pitiful manner then read hundreds and thousands of **FATIHA**, it will be of no benefit. The crux of the matter is, ***bid'ah*** was invented to weaken ***A'maal*** (good deeds). Wherever there is ***bid'ah***, then know that the ***Sunnah*** is being buried there.

TO READ DUROOD SHAREEF IS PART OF IMAAN

Durood Shareef is read by every Muslim. Is it not after the ***tashahhud***, and read in the sitting position? Some people now-a-days say that if you don't read, **"YA NABI SALAM ALAIK!"** while standing then you are **WAHHABI**.

Tell me, if Allah Ta'ala wanted us to read the ***Durood*** while standing, then he would have made ***Durood*** compulsory in ***Salah*** in the standing position, saying, "When you want to read ***Durood*** upon Our Nabi (ﷺ), then do so while standing." But did Nabi (ﷺ) read the ***Durood*** after ***At-Tahiyyat*** in standing position or sitting?

But to make it so compulsory that if someone does not say, **"YA NABI SALAM ALAIK!"** while standing, then he is considered to be a **WAHHABI**, then this is pure injustice.

WE AND OUR PIOUS PREDECESSORS ARE NOT WAHHABIS

We don't know what this **"WAHHABI"** thing is all about. Our predecessors have taken an oath on Allah that they are not **"WAHHABIS"**. We have no connection with **Abdul Wahab Najdi**. He didn't agree to the **Auliya** of Allah but we are the servants of the **Auliya** and do ***bay'ah*** in their ***silsilas***.

Without any fair reason we are blamed to be against the **Auliya**, ***Na'udhu-billah***! Those people who falsely accuse us of being **WAHHABIS** will have to give account of this on the Day of Judgment. The truth of the matter is that the British brought about these differences amongst us **in order that we** continue to fight amongst ourselves.

Like this, there was one **Khan Saheb** who was in debt to a Hindu shopkeeper and the debt had exceeded the limit. The shopkeeper demanded that the debt be paid, so the **Khan Saheb** told all the village people that this shopkeeper had become a **WAHHABI** and they should not buy groceries from him. Now what is this poor Hindu supposed to know what in the world a **WAHHABI** is!

Some time passed and this shopkeeper realized that no customer is coming, so he asks the people what is happening. They told him that **Khan Saheb** has made the announcement that the shopkeeper has turned **WAHHABI**. "Do not buy groceries from him!"

The shopkeeper then goes to **Khan Saheb** and says, "What have you done **Khan Saheb**? Not one customer is coming to my store!" So the **Khan Saheb** says, "Forgo my debt and I will announce that you are not a **WAHHABI** anymore."

The shopkeeper says, "Okay! I forgo your debt!" Immediately the **khan saheb** gathers all the people and announces, "Brothers! This Hindu is no longer a **WAHHABI**, he as made sincere ***taubah.***"

The British have started this whole mischief amongst Muslims. Otherwise from where could you imagine the one teaching **Bukhari Shareef** night and day and practicing the ***Sunnah*** to be a **WAHHABI**. As for the one who smokes marijuana, wears a **lungi** and lays on the shoreline, giving out lottery numbers and putting flags over graves, this person has become an international **FAQEER**.

He cooks some ***biryani*** and yells some slogans of **"YA NABI SALAM ALAIK!"** and performs some ceremonies of **"NIYAZ, FATIHA"** of **Shaikh Abdul Qadir Jilani** and **Khwaja Mueenudden Chishti** and becomes the ***waliullah***.

Think about it, did the **Sahabah** perform **NIYAZ** ceremonies like these people are doing? **NAZAR** and **NIYAZ** are Farsi words. Show us in any Arabic dictionary where these words have been mentioned. Our ***Deen*** has been revealed in the Arabic language. Tell us in which **Hadith** is this word **NIYAZ** found? If anyone can show me, then I will give him a hundred thousand rupees reward.

THE SUNNAH METHOD OF ISAAL-E-THAWAAB

The proper name for this practice is ***Isaal-e-thawaab.*** We are of the opinion that it is permissible and the reward of ***A'maal*** reaches and benefits the deceased.

It is mentioned in a narration that Nabi (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said: "The reward of your actions that you convey to the dead does reach them."*

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* ***(Narrated by Dailami in Musnadul Firdaus and Allama Aini in Umdatul-Qari)***

Recite **Qur'aan Shareef** and convey the reward, feed the poor and convey the reward, but to specify and restrict a certain day, to do this is not permissible in ***Shari'ah***.

Why do they restrict a certain day? If PIA provides plane tickets all the time and someone advertises in the papers that the tickets to Baghdad are only available on the 12th then will PIA not put up a court case against such a person?

When Allah Ta'ala has kept His "booking" open all the time i.e. (you can convey the reward of actions at all times), why then do you restrict a specific day?

Similarly, people have ***Teeja***[1]. Tell me, if a person gets into an accident and the doctor says that they need blood immediately you reply that our family custom is that we give blood only after the 3rd day. Is this an intelligent thing to say?

Like this, the deceased are in need of immediate rewards to be conveyed. If, Allah forbid, the deceased is being punished in his grave, then by you waiting till the 3rd day, it is as if you are saying, we'll come to his help on the third day, let him get punished for 3 more days.

If you use your logic and intellect then you will come to the conclusion that **Bid'ah** is not **Deen**. These ceremonies such as, ***Teeja and Chaleeswa***[2], etc. have all come from Hindu traditions. There is no basis for these practices from the **Qur'aan** and **Hadith Shareef**. ***Shari'ah*** says that the door of conveying rewards is open 24 hours a day but this is ***Isaal-e-thawaab***.

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[1] ***A widespread custom of gathering together 3 days after the death of someone wherein food is prepared, and Qur'aan Shareef is read and offerings are made. This custom is accompanied by many unnecessary formalities, waste and intermingling of men and women. If a person does not perform this ceremony, it is seen as a disappointment for the deceased and a great sin.***

[2] ***Similar to teeja but performed 40 days after the burial of the deceased.***

All those **FATIHA, NIYAZ** ceremonies are nothing but innovations of frauds. As much ***Isaal-e-thawaab*** a person wants to do he may do. Preparing food for the people is permissible but reading over the food is not proven from anywhere.

It is completely wrong to innovate this custom saying that until and unless one does not recite something over the food then the reward will not reach the deceased. How is it possible to make additions to the ***Deen*** from one's own side? The reward of feeding the poor is separate and the reward of reciting the **Qur'aan** is separate.

Why is it that when you want to give ten rupees to a needy person you do not recite on that note? Some needy person is affected with stomach pain to whom you give medicine, so why is that you don't recite on the medicine? Another needy person is shivering due to cold to whom you give a blanket, why do you not recite on the blanket?

Therefore, whether you give away food, clothes or money then know that the ***Shar'i*** method is to give the needy while making the intention, "O Allah! convey the reward of this good deed to my father, grandfather, or to all the ***Auliya-ullah.***" No one is stopping you from ***Isaal-e-thawaab***. Without no apparent reason these ignorant people are spreading lies that we do not believe in ***Isaal-e-thawaab***.

We believe in this more than anyone because a day doesn't pass in which we don't convey rewards to our ***Masha'ikh*** and parents. Our teaching here is that we should convey some rewards to our parents daily. Conveying rewards, i.e. ***Isaal-e-thawaab,*** has been mentioned. But show us where this word, **NAZAR, NIYAZ** is found from the **Qur'aan** and **Hadith**.

THE REALITY OF FATIHA & NAZR, NIYAZ

We are waiting to be shown the method of **NIYAZ** and **FATIHA** which these people have innovated, from the **Qur'aan** and **Hadith**. Prove to us that the ***Sahabah*** also adopted this method of **NIYAZ** and **FATIHA**. This **NAZR, NIYAZ** is an Iranian word.

Our ***Deen*** was not revealed in Iran, it was revealed in the Arabian Peninsula. Therefore, this word **NIYAZ** itself proves that this has no part in ***Deen***. Perform ***Isaal-e-thawaab*** and ask the method how to convey rewards to the ***Auliya-ullah*** and parents. The correct method is when giving your ***sadaqah*** make intention of conveying the reward to them.

But to have the belief that if I convey the reward of this action to the "Great **Shaikh**" then I will be blessed in my sustenance, or to believe that if I do so, our children will become healthy, and if I don't celebrate the 12th then the "Great **Shaikh**" will send his wrath upon us. These types of beliefs are nothing but deviation.

Anyhow, I was saying that **NIYAZ** is an Iranian word whereas our ***Deen*** has been revealed in the Arabic language. This is proof that these rituals cannot be ***Deen***. This method of **NIYAZ** is self-invented.

This is because for ***Isaal-e-thawaab,*** neither is it necessary to recite upon food nor light candles or burn incense. ***Deen*** is very easy. Recite **Qur'aan Shareef** and convey its reward, give money to the needy, give clothes, give medicine and make intention of conveying its reward. Fulfil the debt of a poor person and convey its reward to the deceased.

Donate money to the ***Masjid*** and ***Madrasah*** and convey its reward. Where do they come up with such restrictions such as having to read upon the food and that without reciting the reward will not reach? Or they restrict giving ***sadaqah*** to the 12th and that giving ***sadaqah*** on any other date will not be accepted.

I say they put all these restrictions only due to worldly greed. These greedy, food-loving ***peers*** thought to themselves that if we tell the people that they could do ***Isaal-e-thawaab*** on their own, then who will ask of us? Therefore, greedy ***peers*** and ***Maulwis*** have made it necessary that without reciting something on the food, the reward will not reach.

In this way the people are forced to call them to recite on the food. They make the people believe that without their **FATIHA**, the reward will not reach. Therefore, they read on the food to such an extent that people feel bad and bring a plate of ***biryani*** and ***qormah*** for him also. Through these people, the simple and naive ***Ummah*** is being destroyed.

A GREEDY MAULWI'S FIGHT WITH THE DEAD

There was one ***Maulwi*** who used to perform these **FATIHA** ceremonies in a village. One day, another ***Maulwi*** performed the **FATIHA** without his permission. When the 1st ***Maulwi*** came to know that another person has "conveyed the rewards" he started to beat the ground with a stick in the middle of the night in the ***Masjid***. All the village people came running to see what the commotion was all about.

He said: "See what you all did? You let a strange person convey the rewards of the **FATIHA**! Now look at where he has sent all the rewards! He did not have a proper recognition and acquaintance of the dead like me! I am an old worker and have a good acquaintance with the deceased, I know them well. Today their rewards did not reach them so they all are fighting with me. They have attacked me so I am forced to protect myself with this stick! I have been fighting them off all night!" Village people obviously don't have knowledge and are simple and naive so they told him, "Okay brother, in the future we will only allow you to perform the **FATIHA**."

THE FATIHA IS STOLEN

One S.P. who was ***bay'ah*** with **Maulana Thanwi** (رحمۃ اللہ علیہ) said that there was a police officer in Saharanpur who received a complaint that his **FATIHA** was stolen. He said that I became astonished as to how in the world does a **FATIHA** get stolen! He investigated the case by asking what the description of the **FATIHA** was like. The man replied, "It looked like a bamboo reed. ***Peer Saheb*** blew on it saying, 'sprinkle this on food and you will get **FATIHAS** year round.' This **FATIHA** of mine has been stolen."

Tell me, to what extent have these *peers* deceived the people! *Deen* is so simple that there is no need for any *Maulwi* to convey the rewards.

A NECESSARY CORRECTION OF ISAAL-E-THAWAAB

Another important point to remember is that to give food is not necessary. Rather it is more virtuous to give cash money. The reason for this is that the poor are in more need of money.

Take for example, when the roof is leaking in the rainy season. Do you think your *biryani* is going to fix his roof? Therefore, the 100 rupees which you spend on food, give that in cash so that the needy person could fix his roof. Another person is shivering from cold and you cook *biryani* for him whereas he is need of a warm blanket. Therefore, give him a blanket and supplicate to Allah saying, "O Allah! convey the rewards of this *sadaqah* to so and so." To convey rewards to someone, one does not have to cook *biryani*.

Similarly, a poor person is affected with stomach pains and he has no money for medicine. Every few minutes he is running to the toilet and you come with your *biryani* telling him that it is the "Great *Peer's*" FATIHA. Will this not increase his sickness? Therefore, give him cash so he may be able to fulfill his needs. Once you have done this, convey the rewards of this *sadaqah* to whomever you wish such as your parents, grand parents, etc. *Deen* is easy, it is not necessary to call any *peer* or *Maulwi* to convey the rewards of *Isaal-e-thawaab*. All we ask is that Allah Ta'ala grant us understanding of *Deen* and sound intellect.

INSTRUCTION OF RECITING DUROOD SHAREEF

Recite *Durood Shareef* at all times especially at the beginning and end of dua. Hazrat Umar (رضی اللہ عنہ) said, "O people! Your duas are not accepted, rather they are left suspended in the skies, they do not go above the skies until and unless you recite *Durood* upon your Nabi (صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم)." *

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* *(Mishkaat: Pg. 87, Narrated by Tirmizi)*

Tell me, are you now getting guidance for reading ***Durood Shareef*** from me or not? Our pious predecessors and we read ***Durood Shareef*** day and night but these people slander us saying, "You will die ***Mardood,*** no **FATIHA** no ***Durood."*** They should make ***taubah*** from this slander. What answer will they give on the Day of Judgment? Just think, all these ignorant people can do is slander. They have no knowledge.

They have invented these slanders to promote their own name and fame and to defame the ***Ahl-e-Haq*** and ***Auliya*** of Allah. This is the extent of these people's ignorance. They know they cannot defeat the ***Ahl-e-Haq*** through the light of **Qur'aan** and **Hadith,** therefore they have adopted the method of spreading lies amongst the general public that we are enemies of Rasul and are **Mardood.**

Shaytaan is very clever. He knows that defeating the ***Ahl-e-Haq*** is difficult in the light of knowledge so he taught these ignorant people derogatory statements so that they continue to lower their veils of darkness. But the people of knowledge have such light in their knowledge, which cannot be overpowered by the darkness of ignorance. Darkness flees from the place where this light exists. Nabi (ﷺ) has said,

﴿ اَلْعُلَمَاءُ وَرَثَةُ الْاَنْبِيَاءِ ﴾

"The Ulama are the inheritors of the Ambiya."

(Mishkaat; Pg. 34, Narrated by Ahmad, Tirmizi, Abu Daud, Ibn Majah & Darimi)

It has also been mentioned that to shake hands with an ***Alim*** is equivalent to shaking hands with a Nabi. The status of an ***Alim*** is so high that Nabi (ﷺ) has said, "The example of an ***Alim*** amongst you is like my example over the lowest of you."

It is also mentioned that the ***Ulama*** will be given the right of intercession on behalf of anyone they wish before their entrance into ***Jannah***. Ah! It is so unfortunate that these same ***Ulama*** are being slandered today and it is being said about them, "If they die they are ***Mardood,*** no **FATIHA** no ***Durood."***

Ask the fool who is saying such things if he still remembers how to read the alphabets. They cannot even recite the **Qur'aan Shareef** properly, they cannot even read ***At-Tahiyyat*** and they are saying such derogatory statements concerning the ***Ulama***.

Their example is like the incident of **Haroon Rasheed**, who was going along with his royal procession one day. A street cleaner on seeing the **khalifah** said, "The **khalifah** has fallen from my sight." **Haroon Rasheed** was informed that the street cleaner who sweeps the streets and carries the filth canister says, "These days, the **khalifah** has fallen from my sight." The **khalifah, Haroon Rasheed** then laughed and said, "We are not in need of honor and dignity in the sight of street cleaners."

Similarly, the ***Ulama*** do not lose anything by the statements of these ignorant people. Rather they are the losers who are destroying their hereafter. ***Allahu Akbar*** ! What status is held by the ***Ulama*** ! Rasulullah (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said that anyone who does not respect the ***Ulama*** of my ***Ummah*** then he is not of us.

The summary of this gathering is, spread the ***Sunnah*** in your homes. When the rains of ***Sunnah*** will pour down and the rivers of ***Sunnah*** start to flow, then the filth of ***bid'ah*** will be washed away by itself. Whatever dirty sewers there are, all the sewage in them will be washed out.

Bring down the rains of ***Sunnah*** in your homes, in your cities, in your ***Masajid,*** everywhere you go fulfill the ***Sunnah*** and give importance to it. By reviving the ***Sunnah*** of Rasulullah (صلى الله عليه وسلم), the innovations will die away by themselves.

May Allah Ta'ala grant us sound intellect, logic and purified hearts. May he grant us steadfastness on the path of truth and save us from deviation.

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